FISH AND GAME CODE - FGC DIVISION 9. FINES AND PENALTIES [12000 - 12300]

(Division 9 enacted by Stats. 1957, Ch. 456.)

CHAPTER 1. General Provisions [12000 - 12029]

(Chapter 1 enacted by Stats. 1957, Ch. 456.)

12000.

- (a) Except as expressly provided otherwise in this code, any violation of this code, or of any rule, regulation, or order made or adopted under this code, is a misdemeanor.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a person who violates any of the following statutes or regulations is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or of a misdemeanor:
- (1) Section 2009.
- (2) Subdivision (a) of Section 6596.
- (3) Section 7149.8.
- (4) Sections 1.14, 1.17, 1.62, 1.63, and 1.74 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (5) Sections 2.00 to 5.95, inclusive, and 7.00 to 8.00, inclusive, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (6) Sections 27.56 to 30.10, inclusive, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (7) Sections 40 to 43, inclusive, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (8) Section 251.7 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (9) Sections 307, 308, and 311 to 313, inclusive, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (10) Sections 505, 507 to 510, inclusive, and 550 to 553, inclusive, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (11) Section 630 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (12) Section 632 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, except if either of the following apply:
- (A) The person who violates the regulation holds a commercial fishing license issued pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 7850) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 6 or a commercial passenger fishing boat license issued pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 7920) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 6.
- (B) The violation of the regulation occurred within two years of a prior violation of the regulation that resulted in a conviction.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 31, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2016.)

Any person who takes any bird or mammal in violation of an order issued pursuant to Section 12150 of this code, is guilty of a felony.

(Amended by Stats. 1961, Ch. 2210.)

12001.5.

- (a) In addition to any other penalty or fine imposed pursuant to this code, if a person has been convicted of one or more offenses that was a violation of a section listed in subdivision (b) separate from the offense before the court, the court may order as a condition of probation upon conviction of the offense before the court that is also a violation of a section listed in subdivision (b), that the person attend the hunter education course designated in Section 3051 and perform community service, preferably relating to natural resources if that type of community service is available, as follows:
- (1) If the person has one separate conviction, not more than 200 hours of community service.
- (2) If the person has two or more separate convictions, not more than 300 hours of community service.
- (b) This section applies to violations relating to a taking in Sections 3007, 3700, 4330, and 4750, and a sale or purchase of parts of a bear in Section 4758.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 285, Sec. 133. Effective January 1, 2008.)

- (a) Unless otherwise provided, the punishment for a violation of this code that is a misdemeanor is a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), imprisonment in a county jail for not more than six months, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (b) The punishment for a violation of any of the following provisions is a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or both the fine and imprisonment:
- (1) Section 1059.
- (2) Subdivision (c) of Section 4004.
- (3) Section 4600.
- (4) Paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 5650.
- (5) A first violation of Section 8670.
- (6) Section 10500.
- (7) Unless a greater punishment is otherwise provided, a violation subject to subdivision (a) of Section 12003.1.

- (c) Except as specified in Sections 12001 and 12010, the punishment for violation of Section 3503, 3503.5, 3513, or 3800 is a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (d) (1) A license, tag, stamp, reservation, permit, or other entitlement or privilege issued pursuant to this code to a defendant who fails to appear at a court hearing for a violation of this code, or who fails to pay a fine imposed pursuant to this code, shall be immediately suspended or revoked. The license, tag, stamp, reservation, permit, or other entitlement or privilege shall not be reinstated or renewed, and no other license, tag, stamp, reservation, permit, or other entitlement or privilege shall be issued to that person pursuant to this code, until the court proceeding is completed or the fine is paid.
- (2) This subdivision does not apply to any violation of Section 1052, 1059, 1170, 5650, 5653.9, 6454, 6650, or 6653.5.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 303, Sec. 169. Effective January 1, 2016.)

12002.1.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002, the punishment for taking a mammal or bird for which a hunting license issued pursuant to Section 3031 is required or a tag, seal, or stamp is required, including a deer tag issued pursuant to Section 3407, without having in one's possession the required valid license, or without having in one's possession any required tag, seal, or stamp, or when the taking of that mammal or bird is prohibited by allowable season, limit, time, or area, is punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by any greater punishment prescribed by this code.
- (b) If a person is charged with an offense described in subdivision (a) and produces in court a license, tag, seal, or stamp, issued to the person and valid at the time of the person's arrest and if the taking was otherwise lawful with respect to season, limit, time, and area, the court may reduce the charge to an infraction punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 294, Sec. 27. Effective January 1, 2010.)

12002.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of Section 7145 or of a regulation requiring a license to be displayed is an infraction, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than one thousand

dollars (\$1,000) for a first offense. If a person is convicted of a violation of Section 7145 or of a regulation requiring a license to be displayed within five years of a separate offense resulting in a conviction of a violation of Section 7145 or of a regulation requiring a license to be displayed, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

- (b) If a person is convicted of a violation of Section 7145 or of a regulation requiring a license to be displayed and produces in court a license issued pursuant to Section 7145 and valid at the time of the person's arrest, and if the taking was otherwise lawful with respect to season, limit, time, and area, the court may reduce the fine imposed for the violation of Section 7145 or of the regulation requiring a license to be displayed to twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (c) If a person is charged with a violation of Section 7145 or of a regulation requiring a license to be displayed, and produces in court a lifetime sport fishing license or lifetime sportsman's license issued in his or her name pursuant to Section 714, and if the taking was otherwise lawful, in terms of season, limit, time, and area, the court may dismiss the charge.
- (d) A person shall not be charged or convicted for both a violation of Section 7145 and a regulation requiring a license to be displayed for the same act.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 291, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 2004.)

12002.2.1.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of any of the following is an infraction, punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50), or more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), for a first offense:
- (1) Subdivision (a) of Section 6596.1.
- (2) Subdivision (a) of Section 7149.45.
- (3) Subdivision (b) of Section 7180.1.
- (4) Section 1.18 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (b) If a person is convicted of a violation of any of the sections listed in subdivision (a) within five years of a separate offense resulting in a conviction of a violation of any of those sections, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (c) If a person convicted of a violation of any of the sections listed in subdivision
- (a) produces in court the applicable sport fishing ocean enhancement stamp, sport fishing ocean enhancement validation, second rod sport fishing stamp, second rod sport fishing validation, Colorado River special use stamp, Colorado River special use validation, Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp or Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement validation issued pursuant to this code and valid at the time of the person's arrest, and if the taking was otherwise lawful

with respect to season, limit, time, and area, the court may reduce the fine imposed for the violation to twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 683, Sec. 32. Effective January 1, 2016.)

12002.3.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of Section 7121 for the sale, purchase, or receipt of fish taken by a person required to be licensed pursuant to Section 7145 is punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (b) If the violation in question involved the illegal sale or purchase of abalone taken by a person required to be licensed pursuant to Section 7145, the violation is punishable by a fine of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).
- (c) If the violation in question involved a person who knowingly purchased or received for commercial purposes, fish taken by a person required to be licensed pursuant to Section 7145, the violation is punishable by a fine of not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) or more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 388, Sec. 21. Effective January 1, 2001.)

12002.4.

- (a) Notwithstanding Sections 12000, 12001, and 12002, a commercial boat registration may be revoked or suspended by the commission, when requested by the department, for a period not to exceed one year, upon conviction of the registrant, or the registrant's agent, servant, employee, or any other person acting under the registrant's direction or control, for a violation of Section 7121 or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, if the violation in question involved a vessel licensed pursuant to Section 7920.
- (b) Notwithstanding Sections 12000, 12001, and 12002, a commercial boat registration of a vessel licensed pursuant to Section 7920 may be revoked or suspended by the commission, when requested by the department, for a period not to exceed one year, upon conviction of any other person for a violation of Section 7121, if the fish or amphibia involved in the violation were taken from the vessel and that person committed a prior violation of Section 7121 within three years on the vessel.
- (c) The commercial boat registration shall not be revoked under this section for a violation which is unrelated to the vessel for which the commercial boat

registration is to be revoked. Any violation committed without the knowledge of the master, or an agent or employee of the registrant, is unrelated to the vessel. (Added by renumbering Section 12002.3 (as added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1360) by Stats. 1991, Ch. 485, Sec. 6. Effective October 4, 1991.)

12002.5.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002, a violation of Section 1764 is an infraction, not a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). If a person convicted of a violation of Section 1764 is granted probation, the court shall impose as a condition of probation that the person pay at least the minimum fine prescribed in this subdivision.
- (b) If a person is convicted of a violation of Section 1764 and produces in court a valid wildlife area pass, the court may reduce the fine imposed for the violation of Section 1764 to fifty dollars (\$50).

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 398, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 2002.)

12002.6.

- (a) Notwithstanding Sections 12000, 12001, and 12002, a commercial boat registration may be revoked or suspended by the commission, when requested by the department, for a period not to exceed one year, upon the second conviction in three years of the registrant, or the registrant's agent, servant, employee, or any other person acting under the registrant's direction or control, for a violation of any of the following provisions or regulations adopted pursuant thereto:
- (1) Section 5521 or 5521.5.
- (2) Article 2 (commencing with Section 8150), Article 3 (commencing with Section 8180), Article 4 (commencing with Section 8210), Article 5 (commencing with Section 8250), Article 6 (commencing with Section 8275), Article 9 (commencing with Section 8370), Article 13 (commencing with Section 8495), and Article 15 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 6.
- (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 8601), Article 2 (commencing with Section 8620), Article 4 (commencing with Section 8660), Article 5 (commencing with Section 8685), Article 6 (commencing with Section 8720), Article 7 (commencing with Section 8750), Article 8 (commencing with Section 8780), and Article 10 (commencing with Section 8830) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 6. (4) Article 1 (commencing with Section 9000) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 6.

(b) The commercial boat registration shall not be revoked unless both the first and second convictions are related to the boat for which the commercial boat registration is to be revoked, and are for violations which occurred when the person convicted was the registrant or the registrant's agent, servant, employee, or acting under the registrant's direction or control.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 787, Sec. 35. Effective January 1, 1998.)

12002.7.

Notwithstanding Sections 12000, 12001, and 12002, the commercial fishing license of the master of a vessel may be revoked or suspended by the commission, when requested by the department, for a period not to exceed one year, upon conviction of the master or his agent, servant, employee, or person acting under his direction or control, for a violation of Section 7121 or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, if the fish in question were taken from a vessel licensed pursuant to Section 7920.

However, a master's license shall not be revoked for the conviction of a violation occurring when the person convicted was not acting as the master's agent, servant, employee, or acting under his direction or control.

The master of a vessel is the person on board the vessel who is in charge of the vessel.

(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1052, Sec. 8. Operative January 1, 1982, by Sec. 10 of Ch. 1052.)

12002.8.

- (a) The court shall order the department to permanently revoke and the department shall permanently revoke, the commercial fishing license and any commercial fishing permits of any person convicted of either of the following:
- (1) Taking or possessing abalone out of season.
- (2) Taking or possessing abalone taken illegally from any area north of Point Sur.
- (b) The court shall order the department to permanently revoke and the department shall permanently revoke the commercial fishing license and any commercial fishing permits of any person convicted of either of the following two offenses, if the person possessed more than 12 abalone at the time of the offense:
- (1) Removing abalone from the shell or possessing abalone illegally removed from the shell.
- (2) Taking or possessing abalone that are less than the minimum size.
- (c) Any person sentenced pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) shall not thereafter be eligible for any license or permit to take or possess fish for sport or commercial purposes.

- (d) Notwithstanding Sections 12000, 12001, and 12002, the commercial fishing license of the master of a vessel may be revoked or suspended by the commission, when requested by the department, for a period not to exceed one year, upon the second conviction in three years of the master or the master's agent, servant, employee, or any other person acting under the master's direction or control, for a violation of any of the following provisions or regulations adopted pursuant thereto:
- (1) Article 2 (commencing with Section 8150.5), Article 3 (commencing with Section 8180), Article 4 (commencing with Section 8210), Article 5 (commencing with Section 8250), Article 6 (commencing with Section 8275), Article 9 (commencing with Section 8370), Article 13 (commencing with Section 8495), and Article 15 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 6.
- (2) Article 1 (commencing with Section 8601), Article 2 (commencing with Section 8623), Article 4 (commencing with Section 8660), Article 5 (commencing with Section 8680), Article 6 (commencing with Section 8720), Article 7 (commencing with Section 8750), Article 8 (commencing with Section 8780), and Article 10 (commencing with Section 8830) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 6. (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 9000) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division
- (e) A master's license shall not be revoked unless both the first and second convictions are for a violation by the master or a violation occurring when the person convicted was acting as the master's agent, servant, employee, or acting under the master's direction or control.
- (f) The master of a vessel is the person on board the vessel who is in charge of the vessel.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 753, Sec. 25. Effective January 1, 2002.)

<u>12002.9.</u>

6.

In addition to any other penalty prescribed in this code, the license issued pursuant to Sections 8032 to 8036, inclusive, to a person who is convicted of a violation of Section 7121, 7364, 7370, 8372, or 8373 shall be suspended for not less than seven days nor more than 30 days. Each day a fish of the species designated in any of those sections is unlawfully possessed and each unlawful transaction involving the purchase or sale of a fish of those species by a wholesale fish dealer is a separate violation.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 154, Sec. 105. Effective January 1, 2016.)

<u>12002.10.</u>

- (a) When a complaint has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction charging a person with a violation that may result in suspension or revocation of any license or permit to take abalone for commercial purposes, and no disposition of the complaint has occurred within 90 days after it has been filed in the court, the department may suspend the license or permit of that person.
- (b) Whenever the department proposes to suspend a license or permit under this section, notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given before taking the action. The notice shall contain a statement setting forth the proposed action and the grounds therefor, and notify the person of his or her right to a hearing as provided in this section. Within 10 days after the receipt of the notice from the department, the permitholder may request a hearing. The hearing shall be held by the commission at the next regularly scheduled hearing of the commission held more than 30 days after the notice of intent to suspend the permit was sent. The person shall be given 10 days' notice of the time and place of the hearing.
- (c) A decision shall be made within a reasonable time on whether the license or permit shall be suspended until the disposition of the complaint by the court. In determining whether to order the suspension, the commission shall consider whether or not the violation could have a detrimental effect on the resources and whether or not a suspension is in the best public interest, and shall find whether there is sufficient evidence that a violation has occurred. A failure to make a finding that there is sufficient evidence that a violation has occurred, or a finding there is insufficient evidence, shall terminate the proceedings under this section.
- (d) If the person is acquitted of the charges or the charges are dismissed, any suspension under this section is thereby terminated.
- (e) No complaint shall be filed in a court charging a commercial abalone violation, unless evidence supporting the charge has been reviewed by the appropriate county or city prosecuting agency and a criminal complaint has been issued by that agency.

(Added by renumbering Section 8306.7 by Stats. 1997, Ch. 787, Sec. 26. Effective January 1, 1998.)

12002.11.

Upon the second conviction of any person of a violation of Section 3087 or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, in any five-year period, and upon any conviction subsequent to the two convictions during a five-year period, it shall be unlawful for that person to conduct any of the activities described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 3087 for three years from the date of the last conviction.

(Added by Stats. 2007, Ch. 285, Sec. 136. Effective January 1, 2008.)

12003.

Notwithstanding Section 12002, a second or subsequent violation of Section 8670 is punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1092, Sec. 103. Effective September 27, 1983. Operative January 1, 1984, by Sec. 427 of Ch. 1092.)

<u>12003.1.</u>

- (a) Unless a minimum punishment is otherwise provided, the punishment for the knowing and intentional taking of a mammal, bird, or fish in excess of the quantity permitted by other provisions of this code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, not in compliance with size or sex limitations in other provisions of this code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, or from which only external body parts, including, but not limited to, antlers, horns, hides, feathers, or fins, are removed for use in violation of this code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall be not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a first violation and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days for a second or subsequent violation. The court shall apply not less than the minimum punishment as specified in this subdivision except in those cases where the court determines that, as to the imprisonment sentence only, the interests of justice would best be served by granting probation or suspending the imposition or execution of imprisonment sentence.
- (b) If the court grants probation to any person punished under subdivision (a), in addition to any other terms or conditions imposed by the court, the court may impose as a condition of that probation that the person perform not more than 100 hours of community service in the county in which the violation occurred. To the extent practicable, the service shall involve work relating to natural resources. The service shall be performed during a time that does not interfere with the person's school attendance or employment. If the court requires a person to perform community service under this subdivision, that person shall also be required to attend a hunter safety course as described in Section 3051. The person, and not the court, shall be responsible for paying all fees and costs related to the course.

(Added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 771, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1998.)

12003.2.

Notwithstanding Section 12002 or 12008, the punishment for any violation of Section 4500 or 4700 is a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each unlawful taking, imprisonment in a county jail for the period prescribed in Section 12002 or 12008, or both the fine and imprisonment.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 130, Sec. 97. Effective January 1, 2008.)

12003.5.

- (a) The penalty for a first violation of Section 8610.3 or 8610.4 is a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and a mandatory suspension of any license, permit, or stamp to take, receive, transport, purchase, sell, barter, or process fish for commercial purposes for six months. The penalty for a second or subsequent violation of Section 8610.3 or 8610.4 is a fine of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a mandatory suspension of any license, permit, or stamp to take, receive, transport, purchase, sell, barter, or process fish for commercial purposes for one year.
- (b) If a person convicted of a violation of Section 8610.3 or 8610.4, is granted probation, the court shall impose as a term or condition of probation, in addition to any other term or condition of probation, a requirement that the person pay at least the minimum fine prescribed in this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 263, Sec. 24. Effective January 1, 2008.)

12004.

- (a) The punishment for a first conviction of a violation of Section 8685.5, 8685.6, 8685.7, or 8688 is a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or the revocation of any license issued pursuant to Sections 8032 to 8036, inclusive, or any combination of these penalties.
- (b) The punishment for a second or subsequent conviction of a violation of Section 8685.5, 8685.6, 8685.7, or 8688, which offense occurred within five years of another offense which resulted in a conviction of Section 8685.5, 8685.6, 8685.7, or 8688 is a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed one year, or the revocation of any license issued pursuant to Sections 8032 to 8036, inclusive, or any combination of these penalties.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 15, Sec. 116. Effective April 4, 2011. Operative October 1, 2011, by Sec. 636 of Ch. 15, as amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 39, Sec. 68.)

12005.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12000, and except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c), the punishment for each violation of Section 4758 shall include both of the following:
- (1) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each bear part. As used in this paragraph, "bear part" means an individual part or group of like parts of any bear that the defendant knowingly and unlawfully sells, purchases, or possesses for sale. For the purposes of this paragraph, claws, paws, or teeth from a single bear that are knowingly purchased, sold, or possessed for sale with the intent that they be delivered to a single end user shall be considered a single part.
- (2) An additional fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or in a county jail for not more than one year, or both that fine and imprisonment.
- (b) If the conviction is for the possession of two bear gallbladders and probation is granted, or if the execution or imposition of sentence is suspended, it shall be a condition thereof that a minimum term of 30 days shall be served in a county jail.
- (c) (1) The possession of three or more bear gallbladders is punishable by both of the following:
- (A) The fine specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).
- (B) An additional fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or both that fine and imprisonment.
- (2) If probation is granted, or the execution or imposition of sentence is suspended, it shall be a condition thereof that a minimum term of three months shall be served in a county jail.
- (d) Consecutive sentences shall be imposed for separate violations of this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 15, Sec. 117. Effective April 4, 2011. Operative October 1, 2011, by Sec. 636 of Ch. 15, as amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 39, Sec. 68.)

12005.5.

Notwithstanding Sections 12000 and 12002, a violation of Section 3003.1 or 3003.2, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, is punishable by a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. The Legislature may increase, but may not decrease, these penalties.

(Added November 3, 1998, by initiative Proposition 4, Sec. 3.)

12006.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002:
- (1) The punishment for a violation of Section 7370 is a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or both the fine and imprisonment.
- (2) The punishment for a violation of Section 8254 is a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed six months, or both the fine and imprisonment.
- (b) The court shall permanently revoke any commercial fishing license or commercial fishing permit, and may permanently revoke any sport fishing license issued to the violator by the department. Any vessel, diving or other fishing gear or apparatus, or vehicle used in the commission of an offense subject to this section may be seized and may be ordered forfeited by the court pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 12157. Fifty percent of the revenue deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund from fines and forfeitures collected pursuant to this section shall be allocated for the support of the Special Operations Unit of the department, and used for law enforcement purposes.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 328, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 2008.)

12006.6.

Notwithstanding Section 12000 or 12002.8, and in addition to Section 12009, and notwithstanding the type of fishing license or permit held, if any person is convicted of a violation of Section 5521 or 5521.5, and the offense occurs in an area closed to the taking of abalone for commercial purposes, and the person takes or possesses more than 12 abalone at one time or takes abalone in excess of the annual bag limit, that person shall be punished by all of the following: (a)A fine of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

(b) The court shall order the department to permanently revoke, and the department shall permanently revoke, the commercial fishing license and any commercial fishing permits of that person. The person punished under this subdivision shall not, thereafter, be eligible for any license or permit to take or possess fish for sport or commercial purposes, including, but not limited to, a commercial fishing license or a sport fishing or sport ocean fishing license. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commercial license or permit of a person arrested for a violation punishable under this section may not be sold, transferred, loaned, leased, or used as security for any financial transaction until disposition of the charges is final.

- (c) Any vessel, diving or other fishing gear or apparatus, or vehicle used in the commission of an offense punishable under this section shall be seized, and shall be ordered forfeited in the same manner prescribed for nets or traps used in violation of this code, as described in Article 3 (commencing with Section 8630) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 6, or in the manner prescribed in Section 12157.
- (d) Not less than 50 percent of the revenue deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund from fines and forfeitures collected pursuant to this section shall be allocated for the support of the Special Operations Unit of the Wildlife Protection Division of the department and used for law enforcement purposes.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 753, Sec. 26. Effective January 1, 2002.)

12007.

Notwithstanding Section 12002, the punishment for (1) a second or subsequent violation of Section 1602 or 1605 on the same project or streambed alteration agreement; (2) each violation of Section 2270, 2271, 6400, 6400.5, 15202, 15509, or 15600; or (3) each violation of any regulation adopted pursuant to Section 15510, is a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year, or both the fine and imprisonment.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 383, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2006.)

12008.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 597 of the Penal Code, the punishment for a violation of any of the following provisions is a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both the fine and imprisonment:

- (a) Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3.
- (b) Section 3511.
- (c) Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 4700) of Part 3 of Division 4.
- (d) Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 5050) of Division 5.
- (e) Section 5515.

(Amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 127, Sec. 1.)

12008.5.

Notwithstanding Section 12000, the punishment for taking any bighorn sheep in violation of Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 4900) of Part 3 of Division 4, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, is a fine of not more than two

thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both the fine and imprisonment.

(Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 745, Sec. 4.)

12009.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12000, and except as provided in Section 12006.6, the punishment for a violation of any provision of Section 5521 or 5521.5, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, or of Section 7121 involving abalone, is a fine of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) and imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year. The court shall permanently revoke any commercial fishing license, commercial fishing permit, or sport fishing license issued by the department. Any vessel, diving or other fishing gear or apparatus, or vehicle used in the commission of an offense punishable under this section, may be seized and may be ordered forfeited by the court pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 12157. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commercial license of any person arrested for a violation punishable under this section may not be sold, transferred, loaned, or leased, or used as security for any financial transaction until disposition of the charges is final.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the money collected from any fine or forfeiture imposed or collected for the taking of abalone for any purpose other than for profit in violation of this article or any other provision of law shall be deposited as follows:
- (1) One-half in the Abalone Restoration and Preservation Account.
- (2) One-half in the county treasury of the county in which the violation occurred. (Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 388, Sec. 23. Effective January 1, 2001.)

<u>12010.</u>

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002, the maximum punishment for each violation of Section 3503.5 relating to a bird-of-prey designated as endangered, threatened, or fully protected is a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not to exceed one year, or both the fine and imprisonment.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 12002, the maximum punishment for a violation of Section 3503.5 relating to any bird-of-prey that was taken from the wild and that is subsequently reported to the department as having been bred in captivity is a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not to exceed one year, or both the fine and imprisonment.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1334, Sec. 7.)

12011.

- (a) In addition to the penalty provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 12002, any person convicted of a violation of subdivision (a) of Section 5650 is subject to an additional fine of all of the following:
- (1) Not more than ten dollars (\$10) for each gallon or pound of material discharged. The amount of the fine shall be reduced for every gallon or pound of the illegally discharged material that is recovered and properly disposed of by the responsible party.
- (2) An amount equal to the reasonable costs incurred by the state or local agency for cleanup and abatement and to fully mitigate all actual damages to fish, plant, bird, or animal life and habitat.
- (3) Where the state or local agency is required to undertake cleanup or remedial action because the responsible person refuses or is unable to fully clean up the discharge, an amount equal to the reasonable costs incurred by the state or local agency, in addition to the amount of funds, if any, expended by the responsible person, in cleaning up the illegally discharged material or abating its effects, or both cleaning up and abating those effects.
- (b) Notwithstanding the jurisdiction of the department over illegal discharges and pollution as provided in Section 5650, the fines specified in this section do not apply to discharges in compliance with a national pollution discharge elimination system permit or a state or regional board waste discharge permit.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 183, Sec. 116. Effective January 1, 2005.)

- (a) A person who illegally takes, possesses, imports, exports, sells, purchases, barters, trades, or exchanges a bird, fish, mammal, reptile, amphibian, or part of any of those animals, for profit or personal gain, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (b) If a person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a), that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (c) If a second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a) also involves a violation of Section 8685.5, 8685.6, 8685.7, or 8688 that is punishable by subdivision (b) of Section 12004, the offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 12004, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

- (d) Notwithstanding Section 802 of the Penal Code, prosecution of an offense punishable under this section shall be commenced within three years after commission of the offense.
- (e) This section does not apply to fish taken pursuant to a commercial fishing license issued pursuant to Section 7852, or fish sold pursuant to a commercial fish business license issued in accordance with Article 7 (commencing with Section 8030) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 6.
- (f) This section does not supersede Section 12005 or 12009.
- (g) (1) Moneys equivalent to 50 percent of the revenue deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund from fines and forfeitures collected pursuant to this section shall be allocated for the support of the Special Operations Unit of the department, and used for law enforcement purposes.
- (2) Moneys equivalent to 50 percent of the revenue from any fine collected pursuant to this section shall be paid to the county in which the offense was committed, pursuant to Section 13003. The board of supervisors shall first use revenues pursuant to this subdivision to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation. Any excess revenues may be expended in accordance with Section 13103.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 154, Sec. 106. Effective January 1, 2016.)

<u>12013.</u>

- (a) Any person who illegally takes or possesses in the field more than three times the daily bag limit, or who illegally possesses more than three times the legal possession limit, of fish, reptiles, birds, amphibians, or mammals is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (b) If a person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subdivision
- (a), that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
- (c) Any person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates, or physically tortures any fish, reptile, bird, amphibian, or mammal provided for in this code is guilty of a crime punishable in accordance with subdivision (a). Nothing in this subdivision affects any legal activity pursuant to this code, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, hunting dog training, hunting dog field trials, predation control, and efforts to dispatch a wounded mammal, bird, or fish taken legally.

- (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from giving, receiving, or possessing the legal possession limit of lawfully taken fish, reptiles, birds, amphibians, or mammals.
- (e) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from giving, receiving, or possessing, at the personal abode of the donor or donee, lawfully taken migratory game birds that are not required to be tagged pursuant to the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 703 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant to that act.
- (f) This section does not supersede Section 12005, 12006.6, or 12009.
- (g) Moneys equivalent to 50 percent of the revenue from any fine collected pursuant to this section shall be paid to the county in which the offense was committed, pursuant to Section 13003. The board of supervisors shall first use revenues pursuant to this subdivision to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation. Any excess revenues may be expended in accordance with Section 13103.

(Amended by Stats. 2010, Ch. 328, Sec. 70. Effective January 1, 2011.)

12013.3.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002, 12003.2, 12008, or 12008.5, the punishment for a person who knowingly violated and has been convicted of the following provisions where the violation involved a trophy deer, elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep shall be a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), and where the violation involved a wild turkey, a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both that fine and imprisonment:
- (1) Section 2001, if the person took an animal outside the established season.
- (2) Section 2005.
- (3) Section 257.5 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (4) Section 4304.
- (5) Section 4330.
- (6) Section 1054.2, if the person failed to procure the required license or tag prior to taking a deer, elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep.
- (b) The commission shall adopt regulations to implement this section, including establishing a trophy designation and monetary value based on the size or related characteristics of deer, elk, antelope, bighorn sheep, and wild turkeys.
- (c) All revenue from fines imposed pursuant to this section for deer, elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep violations shall be deposited in the Big Game Management Account established in Section 3953 and shall be used for the big game management purposes described in that section.

- (d) All revenue from fines imposed pursuant to this section for wild turkey violations shall be deposited in the Upland Game Bird Account established in Section 3684 and shall be used for the upland game bird conservation purposes described in that section.
- (e) Moneys equivalent to 50 percent of the revenue from any fine collected pursuant to this section shall be paid to the county in which the offense was committed, pursuant to Section 13003. The county board of supervisors shall first use revenues pursuant to this subdivision to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation. Any excess revenues may be expended in accordance with Section 13103.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 154, Sec. 107. Effective January 1, 2016.)

12013.5.

- (a) In addition to any other penalties provided in this code, any person convicted of violating this code or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto while using a signal-emitting device in conjunction with the take of bear for the purpose of selling or trafficking in bear parts shall be subject to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per bear part. For purposes of this section, a "signal-emitting device" means any device capable of generating radio, cellular, satellite, or other signal transmission for purposes of providing communication or location information.
- (b) All revenue from fines imposed pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Big Game Management Account established in Section 3953 and shall be used for the big game management purposes described in that section.
- (c) Moneys equivalent to 50 percent of the revenue from any fine collected pursuant to this section shall be paid to the county in which the offense was committed, pursuant to Section 13003. The county board of supervisors shall first use revenues pursuant to this subdivision to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation. Any excess revenues may be expended in accordance with Section 13103.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 590, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2013.)

12014.

After the expiration of the time period to appeal an administrative penalty imposed pursuant to Section 2301, 2302, 2582, or 2583, or any other provision of this code, the department may apply to the clerk of the appropriate court for a judgment to collect the administrative civil penalty. The application, including a

certified copy of the order imposing the civil penalty, a hearing officer's decision, if any, or a settlement agreement, if any, shall constitute a sufficient showing to warrant issuance of the judgment. The court clerk shall enter the judgment immediately in conformity with the application. The judgment so entered has the same force and effect as, and is subject to all the provisions of law relating to, a judgment in a civil action, and may be enforced in the same manner as any other judgment of the court in which it is entered.

(Added by Stats. 2009, Ch. 294, Sec. 28. Effective January 1, 2010.)

12015.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that expeditious cleanup is the primary interest of the people of the State of California in order to protect the people and the environment of the state.
- (b) In addition to any other penalty, anyone responsible for polluting, contaminating, or obstructing waters of this state, or depositing or discharging materials threatening to pollute, contaminate, or obstruct waters of this state, to the detriment of fish, plant, bird, or animal life in those waters, shall be required to remove any substance placed in the waters, or to remove any material threatening to pollute, contaminate, or obstruct waters of this state, which can be removed, that caused the prohibited condition, or to pay the costs of the removal by the department.
- (c) Prior to taking any action committing the use of state funds pursuant to this section or Section 5655, the department shall first make a reasonable effort to have the person responsible, when that person is known and readily available, remove, or agree to pay for the removal of, the substance causing the prohibited condition, if the responsible person acts expeditiously and does not cause the prohibited condition to be prolonged to the detriment of fish, plant, animal, or bird life in the affected waters. When the responsible party is unknown or is not providing adequate and timely cleanup, the emergency reserve account of the Toxic Substances Control Account in the General Fund shall be used to provide funding for the cleanup pursuant to Section 25354 of the Health and Safety Code. When those or other funds are not available, moneys in the Fish and Wildlife Pollution Account shall be available, in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 12017, for funding the cleanup expenses.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 77, Sec. 3. Effective July 18, 2006.)

12016.

(a) In addition to any other provision of law, any person who discharges or deposits any substance or material deleterious to fish, plant, bird, or animal life

or their habitat into, or which threatens to enter, the waters of this state is liable civilly to the department for all actual damages to fish, plant, bird, or animal life or their habitat and, in addition, for the reasonable costs incurred in cleaning up the deleterious substance or material or abating its effects, or both.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "deleterious substance or material" does not include substances or materials otherwise expressly permitted or authorized to be deposited or discharged into waters of the state by law.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 864, Sec. 3.)

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 13001, any recovery or settlement of money received pursuant to the following sections shall be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Pollution Account:
- (1) Section 2014.
- (2) Article 1 (commencing with Section 5650) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 6.
- (3) Section 12015 or 12016.
- (4) Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 151) of Division 1.5 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.
- (5) Section 13442 of the Water Code.
- (6) Proceeds or recoveries from pollution and abatement actions.
- (b) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the department, except as provided in Section 13230.
- (c) Funds in the account shall be expended for the following purposes:
- (1) Abatement, cleanup, and removal of pollutants from the environment.
- (2) Response coordination, planning, and program management.
- (3) Resource injury determination.
- (4) Resource damage assessment.
- (5) Economic valuation of resources.
- (6) Restoration or rehabilitation at sites damaged by pollution.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), funds in the account in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as of July 1 of each year may also be expended for the preservation of California plants, wildlife, and fisheries.
- (e) Funds in the account may be expended for cleanup and abatement if a reasonable effort has been made to have the responsible party pay cleanup and abatement costs and funds are not available for disbursement from the emergency reserve account of the Toxic Substances Control Account in the General Fund pursuant to Section 25354 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (f) The department may use funds in the account to pay the costs of consultant contracts for resource injury determination or damage assessment during hazardous material or oil spill emergencies. These contracts are not subject to

Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 373, Sec. 1. Effective October 10, 2007.)

12020.

Any person willfully violating his written promise to appear in court or before a person authorized to receive a deposit of bail is guilty of a misdemeanor regardless of the disposition of the charge upon which he was originally arrested. (Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 770.)

12021.

- (a) In addition to any assessment, fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed pursuant to any other provision of law, an additional penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be added to any fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed under this code for a violation of this code or a regulation adopted pursuant thereto. However, no more than one such additional penalty may be imposed in a single proceeding. The revenue from this penalty shall be transferred to, and deposited in, the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and used exclusively for the purposes of Section 13006.
- (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a violation punishable pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 12002.1, subdivision (b) of Section 12002.2, or any regulation relating to the wearing or display of a fishing license.

(Amended by Stats. 1995, Ch. 576, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 12002, any person who violates Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species, as defined in Section 6431, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by all of the following:
- (1) Imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months or more than one year, a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each violation, or both that imprisonment and fine.
- (2) Revocation of all of the defendant's licenses and permits issued pursuant to this code.
- (b) A person who personally or through another violates Section 6400, through the use of an aquatic nuisance species, is liable to the owner of any privately or publicly owned property for any damages to that property caused by the violation. A person who violates Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species shall also be liable for all monetary damages directly, indirectly,

and proximately caused thereby, including, but not limited to, damages to any commercial fishery, sport fishery, or to the public communities which depend upon those fisheries for a portion of their annual income. The Attorney General may file a civil action on behalf of the fisheries or communities that are damaged as a result of the violation. In addition, a private citizen who suffers damages as a result of the violation may file a civil action against the violator.

- (c) A person who allows an aquatic nuisance species to escape from his or her property to the property of another, whether privately or publicly owned, is liable to the owner of the intruded upon property for any damages caused by the species.
- (d) This section shall not apply to the placement of any live fish, any fresh or salt water animal, or any aquatic plant from the discharge or exchange of ballast water from any vessel as defined by Section 21 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.
- (e) This section does not apply to the placement of an aquatic plant by a person who was unaware that he or she was in possession of the plant. This exception includes circumstances in which a plant becomes unknowingly and temporarily attached or affixed to a boat, boat trailer, or boat motor.

(Added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 431, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1999.)

12024.

- (a) In addition to Section 12023, a person who violates Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species is liable for all public and private response, treatment, and remediation efforts resulting from the violation. The cost of these efforts shall constitute a debt of that person, and shall be collectible by the federal, state, county, public agency, or private individual or individuals, incurring those costs in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under a contract, expressed or implied.
- (b) Public agencies participating in a response to a violation of Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species may designate one or more of the participating agencies to bring an action to recover costs incurred by all of the participating agencies.
- (c) The costs relating to an accounting for a violation of Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species and the collection of any funds, including, but not limited to, the administrative, legal, and public relations costs of operating a response and remediation program may also be the subject of an action to recover costs which are charged against the responsible person.

(Added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 431, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1999.)

- (a) In addition to any penalties imposed by any other law, a person found to have violated the code sections described in paragraphs (1) to (11), inclusive, in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance on land under the management of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the State Lands Commission, a regional park district, the United States Forest Service, or the United States Bureau of Land Management, or within the respective ownership of a timberland production zone, as defined in Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 51100) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government Code, of more than 50,000 acres, or while trespassing on other public or private land in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance, shall be liable for a civil penalty as follows:
- (1) A person who violates Section 1602 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (2) A person who violates Section 5650 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation.
- (3) A person who violates Section 5652 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation.
- (4) A person who violates subdivision (a) of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation.
- (5) A person who violates paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation.
- (6) A person who violates subdivision (b) of Section 374.8 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation.
- (7) A person who violates Section 384a of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (8) A person who violates subdivision (a) of Section 4571 of the Public Resources Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.

- (9) A person who violates Section 4581 of the Public Resources Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (10) A person who violates Section 2000 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (11) A person who violates Section 2002 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (b) (1) In addition to any penalties imposed by any other law, a person found to have violated the code sections described in this subdivision in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance on land that the person owns, leases, or otherwise uses or occupies with the consent of the landowner shall be liable for a civil penalty as follows:
- (A) A person who violates Section 1602 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation.
- (B) A person who violates Section 5650 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each violation.
- (C) A person who violates Section 5652 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each violation.
- (D) A person who violates subdivision (a) of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each violation.
- (E) A person who violates paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each violation.
- (F) A person who violates subdivision (b) of Section 374.8 of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each violation.
- (G) A person who violates Section 384a of the Penal Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.
- (H) A person who violates subdivision (a) of Section 4571 of the Public Resources Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is

subject to a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation.

- (I) A person who violates Section 4581 of the Public Resources Code in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation.
- (J) A person who violates Section 2000 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation.
- (K) A person who violates Section 2002 in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation.
- (2) Each day that a violation of a code section described in this subdivision occurs or continues to occur shall constitute a separate violation.
- (c) The civil penalty imposed for each separate violation pursuant to this section is in addition to any other civil penalty imposed for another violation of this section, or any violation of any other law.
- (d) All civil penalties imposed or collected by a court for a separate violation pursuant to this section shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be apportioned in the following manner:
- (1) Thirty percent shall be distributed to the county in which the violation was committed pursuant to Section 13003. The county board of supervisors shall first use any revenues from those penalties to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation.
- (2) (A) Thirty percent shall be distributed to the investigating agency to be used to reimburse the cost of any investigation directly related to the violations described in this section.
- (B) If the department receives reimbursement pursuant to this paragraph for activities funded pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, the reimbursement funds shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, created by Section 4629.3 of the Public Resources Code, if there is an unpaid balance for a loan authorized by subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code.
- (3) Forty percent shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, created by Section 4629.3 of the Public Resources Code, and used for grants authorized pursuant to Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code that improve forest health by remediating former marijuana growing operations.
- (e) Civil penalties authorized pursuant to this section may be imposed administratively by the department if all of the following occur:
- (1) The chief deputy director or law enforcement division assistant chief in charge of marijuana-related enforcement issues a complaint to any person or

entity on which an administrative civil penalty may be imposed pursuant to this section. The complaint shall allege the act or failure to act that constitutes a violation, any facts related to natural resources impacts, the provision of law authorizing the civil penalty to be imposed, and the proposed penalty amount.

- (2) The complaint and order is served by personal notice or certified mail and informs the party served that the party may request a hearing not later than 20 days from the date of service. If a hearing is requested, it shall be scheduled before the director or his or her designee, which designee shall not be the chief deputy or assistant chief issuing the complaint and order. A request for a hearing shall contain a brief statement of the material facts the party claims support his or her contention that no administrative penalty should be imposed or that an administrative penalty of a lesser amount is warranted. A party served with a complaint pursuant to this subdivision waives his or her right to a hearing if a hearing is not requested within 20 days of service of the complaint, in which case the order imposing the administrative penalty shall become final.
- (3) The director, or his or her designee, shall control the nature and order of hearing proceedings. Hearings shall be informal in nature, and need not be conducted according to the technical rules relating to evidence. The director or his or her designee shall issue a final order within 45 days of the close of the hearing. A copy of the final order shall be served by certified mail upon the party served with the complaint.
- (4) A party may obtain review of the final order by filing a petition for a writ of mandate with the superior court within 30 days of the date of service of the final order. The administrative penalty shall be due and payable to the department within 60 days after the time to seek judicial review has expired, or, where the party did not request a hearing of the order, within 20 days after the order imposing an administrative penalty becomes final.
- (5) The department may adopt regulations to implement this subdivision.
- (f) All administrative penalties imposed or collected by the department for a separate violation pursuant to this section shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, created by Section 4629.3 of the Public Resources Code, to repay any unpaid balance of a loan authorized by subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code. Any remaining funds from administrative penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be apportioned in the following manner:
- (1) Fifty percent shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund for grants authorized pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, with priority given to grants that improve forest health by remediating former marijuana growing operations.
- (2) Fifty percent shall be deposited into the Fish and Game Preservation Fund.

- (g) Any civil penalty imposed pursuant to this section for the violation of an offense described in paragraph (4), (5), or (6) of subdivision (a) or subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) for which the person was convicted shall be offset by the amount of any restitution ordered by a criminal court.
- (h) For purposes of this section, "controlled substance" has the same meaning as defined in Section 11007 of the Health and Safety Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 139, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2016.)

12025.1.

- (a) In addition to any penalties imposed by any other law, a person found to have violated Section 5901 shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each violation. Each day that a violation of Section 5901 occurs or continues without a good faith effort by the person to cure the violation after receiving notice from the department shall constitute a separate violation.
- (b) All civil penalties imposed or collected by a court for a separate violation pursuant to this section in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be apportioned in the manner described in subdivision (d) of Section 12025.
- (c) All civil penalties imposed or collected by a court for a separate violation pursuant to this section not in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be apportioned in the following manner:
- (1) Thirty percent shall be distributed to the county in which the violation was committed pursuant to Section 13003. The county board of supervisors shall first use any revenues from those penalties to reimburse the costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting the violation.
- (2) (A) Thirty percent shall be distributed to the investigating agency to be used to reimburse the cost of any investigation directly related to the violations described in this section.
- (B) If the department receives reimbursement pursuant to this paragraph for activities funded pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code, the reimbursement funds shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, created by Section 4629.3 of the Public Resources Code, if there is an unpaid balance for a loan authorized by subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code.
- (3) Forty percent shall be deposited into the Fish and Game Preservation Fund.

- (d) (1) Civil penalties authorized pursuant to subdivision (a) may be imposed administratively by the department according to the procedures described in paragraphs (1) through (4), inclusive, of subdivision (e) of Section 12025.
- (2) The department shall adopt emergency regulations to implement this subdivision in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). The adoption of these regulations shall be deemed to be an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, or general welfare.
- (e) All administrative penalties imposed or collected by the department for a separate violation pursuant to this section in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be deposited according the provisions of subdivision (f) of Section 12025.
- (f) All administrative penalties imposed or collected by the department for a separate violation pursuant to this section not in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance shall not be considered to be fines or forfeitures, as described in Section 13003, and shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, created by Section 4629.3 of the Public Resources Code, to repay any unpaid balance of a loan authorized by subdivision (f) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code. Any remaining funds from administrative penalties collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be apportioned in the following manner:
- (1) Fifty percent shall be deposited into the Fish and Game Preservation Fund.
- (2) Fifty percent shall be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund for grants authorized pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code.
- (g) For purposes of this section, "controlled substance" has the same meaning as defined in Section 11007 of the Health and Safety Code.

(Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 2, Sec. 2. Effective March 27, 2015.)

12025.2.

The director or his or her designee may issue a complaint to any person or entity in accordance with Section 1055 of the Water Code alleging a violation of Section 1052 of the Water Code that harms fish and wildlife resources. The complaint is subject to the substantive and procedural requirements set forth in Section 1055 of the Water Code, and the department shall be designated a party to any proceeding before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding a complaint filed pursuant to this section.

(Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 2, Sec. 3. Effective March 27, 2015.)

12026.

Any person whom the department determines has provided evidence or information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons found guilty of violating Section 6400 through the use of an aquatic nuisance species, is eligible to obtain a reward of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to Section 2586.

(Added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 431, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1999.)

12028.

The Legislature finds and declares that:

- (a) Poaching violations and other violations of the Fish and Game Code have been increasing, and these violations have a detrimental impact on fish and wildlife and their habitats, which are held in trust by the state for the benefit of the people of the state.
- (b) In order to deter illegal poaching and other violations that adversely impact fish and wildlife, it is important that the department coordinate with other law enforcement entities and the courts to facilitate effective enforcement and prosecution of these offenses.
- (c) The department, to the extent feasible and subject to available resources, shall establish and coordinate an environmental crimes task force. The task force should involve the participation of the department's Office of General Counsel working with each of the department's law enforcement districts. The task force may include coordination with representatives from the California District Attorneys' Association, the Judicial Council, the Attorney General's office, and the University of California. Objectives of the task force may include, but are not limited to, providing training, education, and outreach to prosecutors and the courts on Fish and Game Code violations and providing other assistance as appropriate in the prosecution of environmental crimes.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 559, Sec. 25. Effective January 1, 2013.)

- (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- (1) The environmental impacts associated with marijuana cultivation have increased, and unlawful water diversions for marijuana irrigation have a detrimental effect on fish and wildlife and their habitat, which are held in trust by the state for the benefit of the people of the state.
- (2) The remediation of existing marijuana cultivation sites is often complex and the permitting of these sites requires greater department staff time and personnel expenditures. The potential for marijuana cultivation sites to

significantly impact the state's fish and wildlife resources requires immediate action on the part of the department's lake and streambed alteration permitting staff.

- (b) In order to address unlawful water diversions and other violations of the Fish and Game Code associated with marijuana cultivation, the department shall establish the watershed enforcement program to facilitate the investigation, enforcement, and prosecution of these offenses.
- (c) The department, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, shall establish a permanent multiagency task force to address the environmental impacts of marijuana cultivation. The multiagency task force, to the extent feasible and subject to available Resources, shall expand its enforcement efforts on a statewide level to ensure the reduction of adverse impacts of marijuana cultivation on fish and wildlife and their habitats throughout the state.
- (d) In order to facilitate the remediation and permitting of marijuana cultivation sites, the department shall adopt regulations to enhance the fees on any entity subject to Section 1602 for marijuana cultivation sites that require remediation. The fee schedule established pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed the fee limits in Section 1609.

(Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 688, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2016.)