

Existing law assigns the responsibility for saltwater finfish conservation and management to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. New law expands that responsibility to include conservation, management, and sustainability programs for all fisheries in the state, including saltwater and freshwater.

New law defines a sustainable fishery as one that is scientifically monitored and actively managed to be viable today and in the future, conserving fish and their environment and the supporting communities and economies that depend upon these resources.

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