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Hi Brodie and Helen,

At yesterday's hearing on SB174, Representative Tomaszewski inquired about how many Fisheries Biologist 1 positions the Division of Sport Fish has and if any are vacant. Below is the Department of Fish and Game's response.

The Division of Sport Fish has 17 Fisheries Biologist 1 positions, and four of those positions are 1/2 flex positions. The division has one vacancy in active recruitment, which ends on May 25, 2026. Existing staff are at capacity, and the division will need the position and funding requested in the fiscal note to support the work of the new Invasive Species Council and assist in drafting the bi-annual strategic plan and annual report.

Cheers,

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