

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 231 (Addis)

As Introduced August 3, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims August 10, 2026, as Coastal Stewardship Day in California in recognition of the fundamental importance of the coast to California's economy, communities, and identity; and, in recognition of the need to protect, bolster, and conserve California's coastline, residents, and habitats.

Major Provisions

- 1) The California coast is integral to the state's identity because of its natural beauty, economic impact, and recreational utility. According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, California has approximately 3,427 miles of coastline.
- 2) California's coastal counties are home to 68% of the state's population.
- 3) California's beaches bring millions of people from around the world each year to surf, kayak, fish, dive, or simply enjoy the scenery, contributing billions of dollars to California's gross domestic product.
- 4) California's mild climate and weather patterns are heavily influenced by the ocean, supporting some of the most productive agricultural areas in the United States.
- 5) Forty-three species of marine mammals call California's coast home and more than 180 species of seabirds and shorebirds live or visit the California coast. Many migratory animals, such as sharks, fish, turtles, and whales, stop along California's coast.
- 6) California's coastal wetlands protect communities from floods, improve water quality, and reduce the impacts of climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide.
- 7) Generations of indigenous tribes in California have helped preserve, protect, and maintain much of California's natural coastline.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

ACR 231 highlights the importance of protecting and safeguarding the health of California's coastline for our and future generations. California and its coast are deeply linked with one another as the coast provides California with its identity and also heavily influences our economy. Sadly, our coast has been threatened by new drilling operations. We must protect our marine environments and the unique species that call it home.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 8-0-2

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez, Arambula

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