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Calif. budget clears way for ending use of drift gill nets

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a 2021-2022 budget that includes \$1.3 million for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to aid the state in moving away from drift gill nets to catch swordfish.

One estimate is that the transition will save at least 27 whales, 548 dolphins, 333 seals and sea lions, 24 sea turtles, and 70 seabirds over a 10-year period.

The transition is expected to be completed by January 2024.

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