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## **ABOUT CAW**







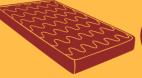






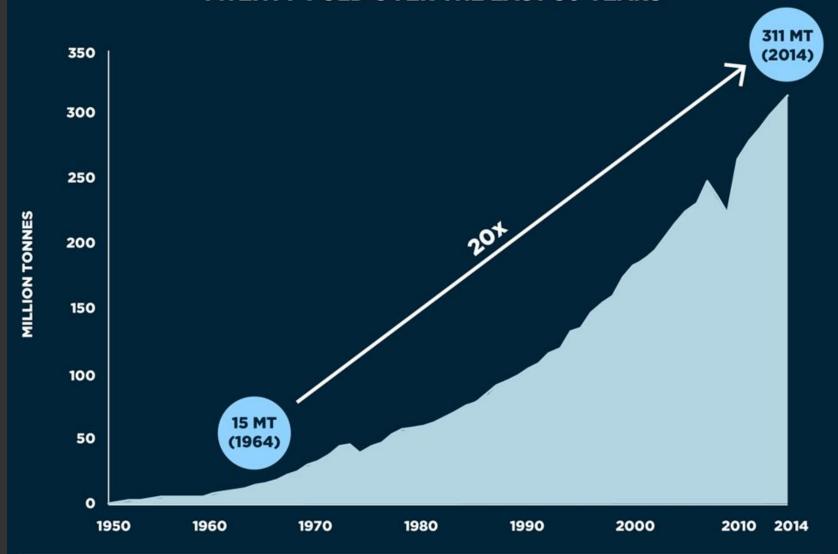








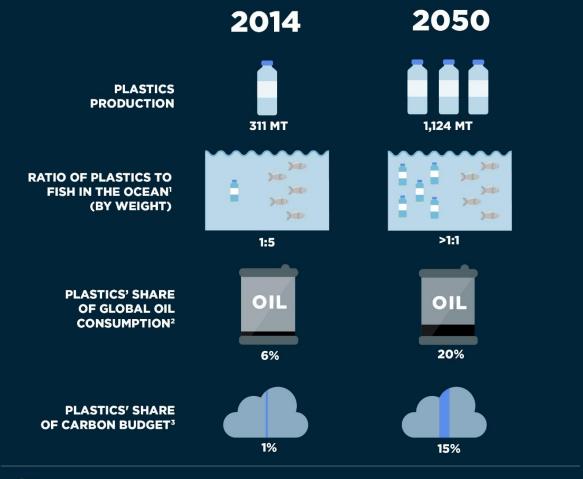
#### PLASTICS PRODUCTION INCREASED TWENTY-FOLD OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS



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#### WITH AN EXPECTED SURGE IN CONSUMPTION, NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES RELATED TO PLASTICS WILL MULTIPLY





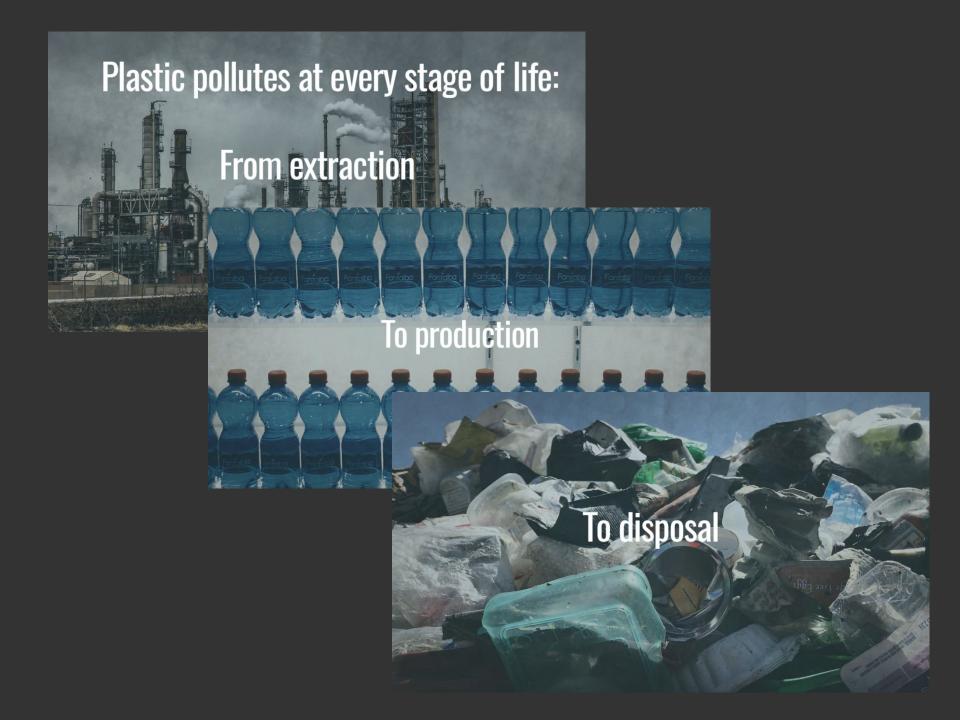
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1 Fish stocks are assumed to be constant (conservative assumption)

Source: PlasticsEurope; ICIS Supply and Demand; IEA, World Energy Outlook (2015) (Global GDP projection 2013-2040 and Central 'New Policies' scenario oil demand projection 2013-2040, both assumed to continue to 2050); Ocean Conservancy and McKinsey Center for Business and Environment, Stemming the Tide: Land-based strategies for a plastic-free ocean (2015); J. R. Jambeck et al., Plastic waste inputs from land into the ocean (Science, 13 February 2015); J. Hopewell et al., Plastics recycling: Challenges and opportunities (Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B., 2009); IEA, CO2 emissions from fuel combustion (2014); IEA, World Energy Outlook Special Report: Energy and Climate Change (2015); Carbon Tracker Initiative, Unburnable Carbon (2015);

<sup>2</sup> Total oil consumption expected to grow slower (0.5% p.a.) than plastics production (3.8% until 2030 then 3.5% to 2050)

<sup>3</sup> Carbon from plastics includes energy used in production and carbon released through incineration and/or energy recovery after-use. The latter is based on 14% incinerated and/or energy recovery in 2014 and 20% in 2050. Carbon budget based on 2 degrees scenario



#### THE PROBLEM

# EIGHT MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC END UP IN THE OCEAN EVERY YEAR

University of Georgia

#### THE PROBLEM

# MICROPLASTICS FOUND IN QUARTER OF ALL FISH, THIRD OF ALL SHELLFISH

International Maritime Organization

### THE PROBLEM

# 94% OF U.S. DRINKING WATER IS CONTAMINATED WITH MICROPLASTICS

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#### A PART THE PROBLEM

## CA BOTTLE BILL CRISIS

- Low scrap values
- Mass closure of recycling centers
- Record low beverage container recycling rate
- 1.7 million beverage containers littered or landfilled every day

### CALIFORNIA BOTTLE BILL



#### MODEL OF SUCCESS

More than 362 billion containers recycled and diverted from landfill or littering our public spaces



#### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The most successful recycling program in the US and the second largest in the world



#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

41 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions prevented equivalent to saving nearly 96 million barrels of oil



#### JOB CREATION

More than 10,000 people directly employed in container recycling



#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS

\$1.6 billion to CA economy every year—more than \$300 million for California's recycling infrastructure



#### CALIFORNIA VALUES

50 million containers recycled every day; 80 - 85% of all containers sold

### A PART THE SOLUTION

## FIX THE CA BOTTLE BILL

- Financially support recycling centers
- Restore Plastic Market Development payments
- Revise outdated program provisions
- Refocus program dollars to provide recycling opportunities

# BILLS FIGHTING PLASTIC POLLUTION

- BOTTLE BILL FIX
- SB 168 (WIECKOWSKI) MINIMUM RECYCLED CONTENT
- SB 1335 (ALLEN) SUSTAINABLE FOOD PACKAGING
- AB 2379 (BLOOM) MICROFIBERS
- AB 2779 (STONE/CALDERON) CONNECT THE CAP
- AB 1884 (CALDERON) STRAWS UPON REQUEST

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