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Sectional Analysis – SCS CS House Bill 137(RES)

“An Act establishing an intensive management surcharge; providing for the repeal of the intensive management surcharge; establishing an anadromous sockeye salmon tag for certain watersheds; establishing a separate sustainable wildlife account in the fish and game fund; raising certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping; relating to the fish and game fund; providing for the repeal of the sport fishing surcharge and sport fishing facility revenue bonds; replacing the permanent sport fishing, hunting, or trapping identification card for certain residents with an identification card valid for three years; relating to hunting and fishing by proxy; relating to fish and game conservation decals; raising the age of eligibility for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption for state residents; raising the age at which a state resident is required to obtain a license for sport fishing, hunting, or trapping; relating to the Chitina dip net fishery; and providing for an effective date.”

Sec. 1 – AS 16.05.130

Creates a new subsection that creates the sustainable wildlife account as a subaccount in the fish and game fund to deposit money obtained through the intensive management surcharge.
Requires this fund to be used for intensive management programs under AS 16.05.255(e).

Sec. 2 – AS 16.05.251(a)

Amends this section to conform to Section 25 (raising resident license requirement age to 18 and the exemption age to 65) of this bill.

Sec. 3 – AS 16.05.340(a)(1)

Amends this section to raise the resident sport fishing license fee from \$15 to \$20 and raises the fee for residents who are blind from \$0.25 to \$0.50.

Sec. 4 – AS 16.05.340(a)(2)

Amends this section to raise the resident hunting license fee from \$25 to \$35.

Sec. 5 – AS 16.05.340(a)(3)

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and trapping combination license from \$39 to \$60.

Sec. 6 – AS 16.05.340(a)(4)

Amends this section to raise the resident trapping license fee from \$15 to \$25.

Sec. 7 – AS 16.05.340(a)(5)

Amends this section to raise the fee for a resident hunting and sport fishing combination license from \$39 to \$60.

Sec. 8 – AS 16.05.340(a)(6)

Makes multiple amendments to this section including raising the fee for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing combination license from \$53 to \$80. Changes low-income license eligibility so that a person receiving federal or state welfare assistance is not eligible unless they meet the income requirement. Also sets the maximum annual family gross income to match the federal poverty level for the individual's household size in Alaska.

Sec. 9 – AS 16.05.340(a)(7)

Amends this section to raise the four nonresident sport fishing license fees.

- 14-day license from \$50 to \$75
- Seven-day license from \$30 to \$45
- Three-day license is raised from \$20 to \$30
- One-day license from \$10 to \$15

Sec. 10 – AS 16.05.340(a)(8)

Amends this section to raise the annual nonresident sport fishing license fee from \$100 to \$150.

Sec. 11 – AS 16.05.340(a)(9)

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting license fee from \$85 to \$130.

Sec. 12 – AS 16.05.340(a)(11)

Amends this section to raise the nonresident hunting and trapping combination license fee from \$250 to \$375.

Sec. 13 – AS 16.05.340(a)(15)

Amends this section to raise the following nonresident big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$225 to \$450
- Brown or grizzly bear from \$500 to \$1,000
- Bison from \$450 to \$900
- Caribou from \$325 to \$650
- Deer from \$150 to \$300
- Elk and goat from \$300 to \$600
- Moose from \$400 to \$800
- Sheep from \$425 to \$850

- Wolverine from \$175 to \$350
- Musk oxen from \$1,100 to \$2,200

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 14 – AS 16.05.340(a)(17)

Makes multiple amendments to this section by raising the exemption age for a resident engaging in waterfowl hunting without a waterfowl tag from 16 to 18 and from 60 to 65. This section also raises the waterfowl conservation tag from \$5 to \$10.

Sec. 15 – AS 16.05.340(a)(19)

Amends this section to increase the small game hunting license fee from \$20 to \$30.

Sec. 16 – AS 16.05.340(a)(20)

Amends this section to increase the nonresident alien hunting license fee from \$300 to \$600.

Sec. 17 – AS 16.05.340(a)(21)

Amends this section to raise the following nonresident alien big game tag fees.

- Black bear from \$300 to \$600
- Brown or grizzly bear and bison from \$650 to \$1,300
- Caribou from \$425 to \$850
- Deer from \$200 to \$400
- Elk and goat from \$400 to \$800
- Moose from \$500 to \$1,000
- Musk oxen from \$1,500 to \$3,000
- Sheep from \$550 to \$1,100
- Wolverine from \$250 to \$500

This section also amends a citation to AS 16.05.255 to more specifically point to subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 18 – AS 16.05.340(a)(22)

Amends this section to reinstate a \$15 Chitina dip net fishing permit fee.

Sec. 19 – AS 16.05.340(a)(23)

Amends this section to raise the resident anadromous king salmon tag from \$10 to \$15. This section is also amended to conform to Sections 3 (raising resident blind fee) and 25 (raising resident license requirement age to 18 and the exemption age to 65) of this bill.

Sec. 20 – AS 16.05.340(a)(24)

Amends this section to raise all six nonresident anadromous king salmon tag fees.

- One-day tag from \$10 to \$15
- Three-day tag from \$20 to \$30
- Seven-day tag from \$30 to \$45
- 14-day tag from \$50 to \$75
- Annual tag from \$100 to \$150
- Annual nonresident military tag from \$20 to \$30

Sec. 21 – AS 16.05.340(a)

Creates new sections to establish fees for an anadromous sockeye salmon tag for the Kenai and Kasilof rivers' watersheds. Section (a)(27) creates a resident tag fee of \$15 and exempts a person who is blind, under the age of 18, a resident 65 years or older, a disabled veteran, or qualifies for the low-income license from being required to have a tag.

Section (a)(28) creates nonresident anadromous sockeye salmon tags and exempts a person under the age of 16 from being required to have a tag.

- One-day tag is \$15
- Three-day tag is \$30
- Seven-day tag is \$45
- 14-day tag is \$75
- Annual tag is \$150
- Annual nonresident military tag is \$30

Sec. 22 – AS 16.05.340(i)

Amends this section to delete a reference relating to the hatchery surcharge that will go into effect under Section 35 when the hatchery bonds are paid in full.

Sec. 23 – AS 16.05.340

Creates a new section to establish the intensive management surcharge that must be paid in addition to each fee for a hunting license. The fee for a resident is \$10 and the fee for a nonresident is \$30. This section also creates an exemption for a person eligible for a low-income license from being required to pay the surcharge.

Sec. 24 – AS 16.05.352

Adds a new section that creates an annual voluntary fish and game conservation decal that the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) will produce and make available to the public. This section also directs the Department to provide for the selection of design for the conservation decals and that the commissioner may produce the quantity of decals considered appropriate. The fee for this decal is \$20 per person and the Legislature may appropriate these funds to fish and wildlife conservation programs.

Sec. 25 – AS 16.05.400

Amends this section to raise the age required for a resident to have a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license from 16 to 18. Provisions in this section regarding nonresidents are not amended.

Also amends this section to raise the age from 60 to 65 for a resident to obtain an exemption from paying a fee for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license. Creates a requirement that residents that obtain this exemption must renew it every three years.

Sec. 26-30 – AS 16.05.403-16.05.415

Makes amendments to AS 16.05.403, 16.05.405, and 16.05.415 to conform with the change made in Section 25 regarding the license exemption for residents over the age of 65.

Sections 27 and 28 amend the fishing and hunting by proxy statute by allowing a resident to hunt or sport fish on behalf of a person with a developmental disability.

Sec. 31 – AS 16.10.570

Amends this section by amending the title and add new requirements under this section. ADF&G with the Department of Transportation and the Department Natural Resources will need to maintain and improve state-owned land used to access the Chitina dip net fishery and maintain and operate sanitary facilities for people using the dip net fishery.

Sec. 32 – Repealed Statute

Repeals the two sections regarding the intensive management surcharge in AS 16.05.130(g) (Section 1) and 16.05.340(k) (Section 23) after the sunset date set in Section 37.

Sec. 33 – Repealed Statute

Repeals sections in statute relating to the fish hatchery bonds under AS 16.05.100(2), 16.05.130(e), 16.05.130(f), 16.05.340(j), and AS 37.15.765 - 37.15.799.

Sec. 34 – Uncodified Law

Adds a new section to the uncodified law of Alaska to ensure that residents that are eligible for a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license exemption under AS 16.05.400(b) before the effective date of this bill will continue to be eligible for the exemption. This section also requires residents currently eligible for this identification card to renew the card by January 1, 2020, and that ADF&G must notify a current holder of the card that they must renew the card.

Sec. 35 – Uncodified Law and Conditional Effect

Adds a new section requiring the commissioner of fish and game to notify the revisor of statutes when all costs associated with the fish hatchery bonds issued under AS 37.15.765 - 37.15.799 are paid and all obligations are fully met and discharged. This section also establishes that Sections 22 and 33 will only go into effect if the notice is given to the revisor of statutes.

Sec. 36 – Effective Date

Adds a new section stating that the effective date for Sections 22 and 33 will be January 1 of the calendar year following the year of notice under Sec. 35 of this bill.

Sec. 37 – Sunset Date

Creates a sunset date of December 31, 2022 for the intensive management surcharge language in Sections 1 and 23.

Sec. 38 – Effective Date

Creates an effective date for the bill, except as provided in Sections 36 and 37, to be January 1, 2017.

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