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Title: SALMON & HERRING PRODUCT DEV'T TAX
CREDIT
Sponsor: AUSTERMAN
Requester: (H) Fisheries

Department: Department of Revenue
Appropriation: Taxation and Treasury
Allocation: Tax Division
OMB Component Number: 2476

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Bill Language:

This bill will amend AS 43.75.035 to make several changes to the salmon product development tax credit, which is a credit against the Fisheries Business Tax (FBT) for qualified investments in property to create value-added salmon products. This bill amends the credit to: (1) include herring in addition to salmon; (2) expand the definition of "qualified investment" to include "enhancing salmon or herring product quality" in addition to producing value-added products; (3) add "converting an existing can seamer to can salmon or herring without bones or skin or to produce smaller cans," production of "edible salmon or herring fish powder," and increased "utilization or recovery of salmon and herring byproduct or waste, including machinery that recovers salmon or herring meat from salmon or herring bones after filleting" as qualified investments; and (4) extend the current sunset date of the credit from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2020.

Revenues:

From fiscal years 2009-2013, the salmon product development credit ranged from \$71,598 to \$4,074,071 million, with a mean of \$2.2 million. Credit utilization could increase due to the additional qualified investments allowed in this bill. Total fisheries business tax from salmon in FY 2009-2013 (before credits and municipal revenue sharing) ranged from \$14.9 million to \$22.1 million. Since the credit is capped at half of liability, the maximum impact of the credit would be from \$7.4 million to \$11.1 million. However, it is difficult to predict taxpayer behavior so a precise estimate of the cost of the credit is not possible.

It is also difficult to determine the impact of expanding the credit to herring. The herring fishery is smaller than the salmon fishery, which suggests that the impact on state revenue from adding herring to the credit may be smaller than the salmon credit.

	FBT Salmon Revenue	FBT Herring Revenue	SPD Credits Claimed
FY 2009	\$14,887,600	\$420,779	-\$3,121,697
FY 2010	\$15,271,157	\$833,735	-\$4,074,071
FY 2011	\$20,048,075	\$713,957	-\$2,057,255
FY 2012	\$22,138,544	\$369,472	-\$71,598
FY 2013	\$19,086,832	\$701,686	-\$1,832,081

Expenditures:

We anticipate the provisions within this bill can be implemented in the Tax Division using existing staff and resources.