

Gary Zepp

From: Rep. David Talerico
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 4:35 PM
To: Julie Morris; Gary Zepp
Subject: FW: HB137

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From: Jack Wiles [mailto:wilesmichaud@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:43 PM
To: House Resources
Cc: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: HB137

We encourage your support of HB137 in recognition of and appreciation for wildlife by many thousands of people who enjoy no-game and game viewing and recognize the necessity for conservation.

In a few weeks several hundred people will come to Homer (and Cordova) to marvel at the enduring migration of shorebirds. Later, we eagerly await the arrival of the Lesser Sandhill Crane. That scene is repeated in Haines for eagles and along streams for bears, and throughout the state as people marvel and come to appreciate the diversity of wildlife and our place in the conservation of habitat and special places.

Wildlife is indeed a commodity; a precious one - one that is enjoyed by thousands, and we will gladly contribute to its protection.

Thank you.

Jack Wiles & Michelle Michaud

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From: Louise Ashmun [mailto:leashmun@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:48 PM
To: House Resources
Cc: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Support for HB137 provision to provide for a dedicated category for "wildlife viewing" within ADFG licensing

As an Alaskan who holds a valid hunting/fishing license, I fully support the amendment to HB137 that would provide opportunity to purchase a "wildlife viewing" certificate provided that the funds generated by the purchases are dedicated to ADFG wildlife diversity educational and conservation programs (non-hunting/fishing/trapping programs).

Although this would be a voluntary license or certification program, it is likely that many people, like me, would add this to their hunting and fishing licenses to emphasize the importance of wildlife viewing in their lives. In addition, people who do not hunt or fish may be willing to support this dedicated opportunity to be officially counted among the wildlife viewing constituency.

Please maintain the amendment to HB137 that allows a Wildlife Viewing designation to generate dedicated funding for ADFG wildlife diversity educational and conservation programs.

Thank you,
Louise Ashmun

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From: Rika Mouw [mailto:rikamouw@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:21 PM
To: House Resources
Cc: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: HB137

Dear House Resources Committee members,

I am in full support of the recently added amendments to Section 1 AS 16.05.130

Section (g): Money accruing to the state from Alaska's fish and wildlife conservation emblem program shall be deposited into the Fish & Game Fund and shall be used by the department for conservation programs, including viewing, education and diversity.

And,

Section 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

(1)The Alaska Department of Fish and Game shall develop a fish and wildlife conservation emblem. Persons may contribute any amount to the fish and wildlife conservation emblem program and may elect to receive a certificate, decal, or other recognition offered by the department for a contribution of \$20 or more. Contributions and sale proceeds of items bearing the fish and wildlife conservation emblem will benefit the programs per AS 16.05.130(g).

This is very important and I thank you for adding this amendments.

Thank you,
Rika Mouw
Homer, Alaska

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From: John Lancaster [mailto:john.chiefstew@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:28 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico; House Resources
Subject: Amendment to HB137

I am in favor of the friendly amendment to HB137. I seriously hope this Bill is passed along the process with approval from all parties involved. Thanks for the opportunity to add my positive comment to the pile of many others who favor this legislation.

Sincerely,
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From: Linda Gorman [mailto:akbearnut@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:37 PM
To: House Resources
Cc: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: HB 137

I fully support amending AS 16.05.130 to include Fish and Wildlife conservation emblem program. The state is looking for ways to make money, this is a great idea.

Sincerely,

Linda Gorman
Homer, AK

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From: Mark Luttrell [mailto:prufrock@arctic.net]
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To: House Resources; Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Support for HB 137

All:

I fully support HB 137 which allows the non-consumptive users of wildlife the opportunity to pay for our privilege and support ADFG wildlife diversity educational and conservation programs.

Excellent idea.

Mark Luttrell
Seward

March 25, 2015

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Representative Dave Talerico, Co-Chair
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and

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resource Committee
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Subject: Support for House bill 137 concerning fee increases for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing.

Dear Senator Giessel, and Representative Talerico:

I am a life long Alaskan hunter and fisher of 57 years. I am the current Chairperson of the Koyukuk River Advisory committee. I have been involved with fish and wildlife advisory work for 25 years to date. The Advisory Committee has not had a meeting to discuss HB 137, so I will be speaking from my own perspective.

The Dall Sheep, Caribou, and Moose populations have had severe winter conditions, like deep snow and icing of the ground as well as predation. Many of these populations have declined by 50% in the past 10-15 years. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is incurring more management expense for surveys, additional meetings with the affected public, and just inflation. Reduced game populations are more expensive to manage. The Board of game approved intensive management programs to arrest declines for critical populations cost additional funding for personnel, aircraft, etc.

The fixed current license and tag fees the State of Alaska is charging since 1993, are not inflation proofing, nor capturing the Federal Pittman-Robertson excise funding due to the State. Alaskans have a high rate of firearm and other sporting good use for shooting and hunting. We are paying the 11% Federal excise tax, but approximately 15 million dollars are "stranded", do to the fixed 1993 license and tag fee rate.

The firearms and archery equipment certainly have increased in cost over the past 23 years. The increased hunting sporting good base prices is why Alaska is not receiving all of due allocation of P&R funds for Alaskan wildlife management.

I support HB 137 for the following reasons;

Fees for residents hunting and fishing license should be increased at least 50%.

I feel non-resident hunting and fishing license fees should be increased 100%.

I feel that non-resident tag fees for moose, caribou, Dall Sheep, Muskox, Bison, and wolverine should be increased 100%.

Non-resident Black Bear, Grizzly Bear, and wolf tag fees should remain at current fee rate, to encourage harvest of predators of big game ungulates.

I feel personally feel there should not be resident tag fees for moose, caribou, and deer. These animals are the mainstay of Alaskan food animals. I do feel that an intensive management surcharge should be attached to all resident and non-resident license sales, with a 3-year sunset. If the hunting public is interested in increasing ungulate populations they should be willing to contribute to the high cost of IM programs.

I do feel that the resident hunters should pay a 25.00 Dall sheep tag fee, with a provision for the Board of Game to wave the resident tag fee in some hunts. Sheep management is becoming more expensive for the Division of wildlife Conservation. I feel a resident contribution to sheep management at this time is necessary.

An increase in the State Water Fowl stamp fee of 5.00 is also warranted.

The household low-income threshold increase to 29,000.00 is also acceptable.

Increasing the Alaskan resident age limit to 62-65 years for the *permanent identification card* is acceptable.

I also feel the Alaskan and non-Alaskan viewing, non-hunting, and other public members should be able to purchase a voluntary 20.00 **Habitat Decal**. This fee would support wildlife management, non-game management like bats, etc., and wildlife management in areas that are closed to taking of wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration and deliberation of this very important Resource issue, with great fiscal impacts to Alaska's fish and wildlife,

Respectfully,



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From: Nina Faust [mailto:aknina51@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. David Talerico
Subject: HB 137 Amendment

Please share this short note with your Resources Committee Members. Thank you.
Nina

Dear Resources Committee Members:

This amendment to HB 137 is a great way to raise funds for wildlife viewing, education, and diversity through habitat protection. These decals or whatever is devised could be come collectibles! As a group, Kachemak Crane Watch has been all about education, viewing, and habitat protection of cranes. We have seen what education and raising of public consciousness about cranes in Homer can do to engage people in viewing and protecting cranes. It has also helped bring cranes to a level of awareness that they have become ubiquitous in signs, public art, logo, and more. All this is good for our local economy and for the birds. This voluntary program under HB 137 would not cost the State any money but could reap huge benefits for wildlife. I urge the Legislature to add this to the fish and game licensing and provide another option to help wildlife. Thanks!

Sincerely, Nina Faust
P.O. Box 2994
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Section 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05. XXX Contributions to the Alaska's Fish and Wildlife Conservation emblem program

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From: Rep. David Talerico
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From: Mike Cronk [mailto:mcronk@agsd.us]
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To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Hunting/fishing/trapping license increase

House member Talerico,

I am writing you in support of some sort of license increase. As an avid sportsman, I feel it is my obligation to help support and fund our states fish and game. While I do support very small fees for tags for animals such as moose, caribou, deer in the \$5 to \$10 range, I do NOT support any sort of fee for predator tags, such as black bears, grizzly bears, or wolves. I would also recommend making a resident sheep tag \$50.

Thank you for your time,

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Subject: FW: Revised fees reference hunting licenses and tags

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From: Johnny Murdock [mailto:fi~~red~~dog@gci.net]
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Subject: Revised fees reference hunting licenses and tags

Support.

Johnny Murdock iPad