

# Fish and Game

**Applicable Program**

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

**Indirect Expenditure Name**

Reduced permit fees (low income)

**Department of Revenue Submission per AS 43.05.095****(1) Description of Provision**

Provides for a discount of commercial fishing permit fees for fishermen in low income brackets.

**(2) Authorizing Statute Regulation or Other Authority**

20 AAC 05.245 (c)-(e);

AS 16.43.160 (d)

**(3) Year Enacted**

1975

**(4) Sunset or Repeal Date**

None

**(5) Legislative Intent**

To assist low-income permit holders.

**(6) Public Purpose**

Assist low-income fishermen in their ability to renew annual commercial fishing permits.

**(7) Estimated Revenue Impact**

FY 2009 - \$17,564

FY 2010 - \$19,731

FY 2011 - \$14,228

FY 2012 - \$20,883

FY 2013 - \$17,921

**(8) Cost to Administer****(9) Number of Beneficiaries**

233 Individuals in 2013 paid reduced fees.

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**Legislative Finance Analysis per AS 24.20.235****(1) Estimate of Annual Revenue Foregone by the State**

\$17,921

**(2) Estimate of Annual Benefit to Recipients**

Average benefit of \$77.

Based on 233 individuals paying reduced fees and the revenue impact of \$17,921 in FY13. CFEC has a complex fee schedule; an average was used to summarize the benefit.

**(3) Legislative Intent Met?**

Yes

**(4) Should it be Continued, Modified or Terminated?**

Recommend review based on enactment date of 1975. The legislature may wish to review all Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) fees. Annual revenue collected typically exceeds the annual CFEC operating budget.