

# HB 231 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission



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# Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

- The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) is a regulatory and quasi-judicial agency that is tasked to:
  - Limit entry of participants and vessels into the commercial fisheries
  - Issue and transfer annual commercial fishing permits and vessel licenses
  - Adjudicate appeals of actions including denials of applications and transfers
  - Study, analyze, and report on the economics and stability of commercial fisheries
  - Ensure reliable and timely access to fishery data; and
  - Promote the conservation and sustained yield management of Alaska's commercial fishery resource
  - Assess demerit points against or suspend fishing privileges of permit holders for convictions for violations of commercial fishing laws

# What HB 231 Does

- Changes compensation for three commissioners of the CFEC
  - Pay is reduced from a Range 27 (\$8789/month) to a Range 24 (\$7225/month)
  - Commissioner pay is not frozen if HB 231 passes—example: a commissioner at a 27J level could continue to receive pay increments on the new merit anniversary date
- Removes the CFEC staff from exempt service and assigns them to classified service
  - Division of Personnel/Labor Relations will perform a classification study and place positions on appropriate classified pay scale
  - Current CFEC staff will not receive a reduction in pay—their pay will be “frozen” until the pay scale catches up to the newly classified position
  - New CFEC staff will start at the new Range/Step A
  - Staff will be represented by appropriate unions—Supervisors Union (SU) and General Government Unit (GGU) or Confidential Employees Association (CEA)

## Savings

Commissioners: \$78,733/year

Staff: Savings come when staff turnover occurs and positions are rehired at the appropriate step/range

# Why is HB 231 Needed

- Caseload is lighter
  - Decisions from the CFEC have dropped from a high of 105 cases in 1998 to 3 cases in 2015 and 0 cases in 2016
- Save money
  - Align commissioners to similar ranges of similar positions (OAH, Hearing Officers)
  - Align staff with similar positions in classified service

# CFEC Budget

|                        | FY 16 Management Plan | FY 17 Management Plan | FY 18 Governor |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Personnel Services     | 3,562.1               | 2,945.9               | 2,998.9        |
| Travel                 | 35.0                  | 35.0                  | 20.0           |
| Services               | 609.0                 | 609.0                 | 538.3          |
| Commodities            | 94.1                  | 94.1                  | 75.4           |
| Capital Outlay         | 10.0                  | 10.0                  | 0.0            |
| Grants, Benefits       | 0.0                   | 0.0                   | 0.0            |
| Miscellaneous          | 0.0                   | 0.0                   | 0.0            |
| Totals                 | 4,310.2               | 3,694.0               | 3,632.6        |
| <b>FUNDING SOURCES</b> |                       |                       |                |
| Fed Rcpts (Fed)        | 114.4                 | 114.4                 | 0.0            |
| CFEC Rcpts (DGF)       | 4,195.8               | 3,579.6               | 3,632.6        |
| <b>FUNDING TOTALS</b>  |                       |                       |                |
| UGF                    | 0.0                   | 0.0                   | 0.0            |
| DGF                    | 4,195.8               | 3,579.6               | 3,632.6        |
| Other                  | 0.0                   | 0.0                   | 0.0            |
| Federal                | 114.4                 | 114.4                 | 0.0            |
| <b>POSITIONS</b>       |                       |                       |                |
| Permanent Full Time    | 26                    | 22                    | 22             |
| Permanent Part Time    | 2                     | 0                     | 0              |
| Non-Permanent          | 0                     | 0                     | 0              |

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