

CSHB 231 (FSH) 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

- Reduces number of commissioners of the CFEC from three to two
- Changes compensation for commissioners:
 - Commissioner serving as chair retains a Range 27(\$8789/month)
 - Pay for second commissioner is reduced to a Range 24 (\$7225/month)
- 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)

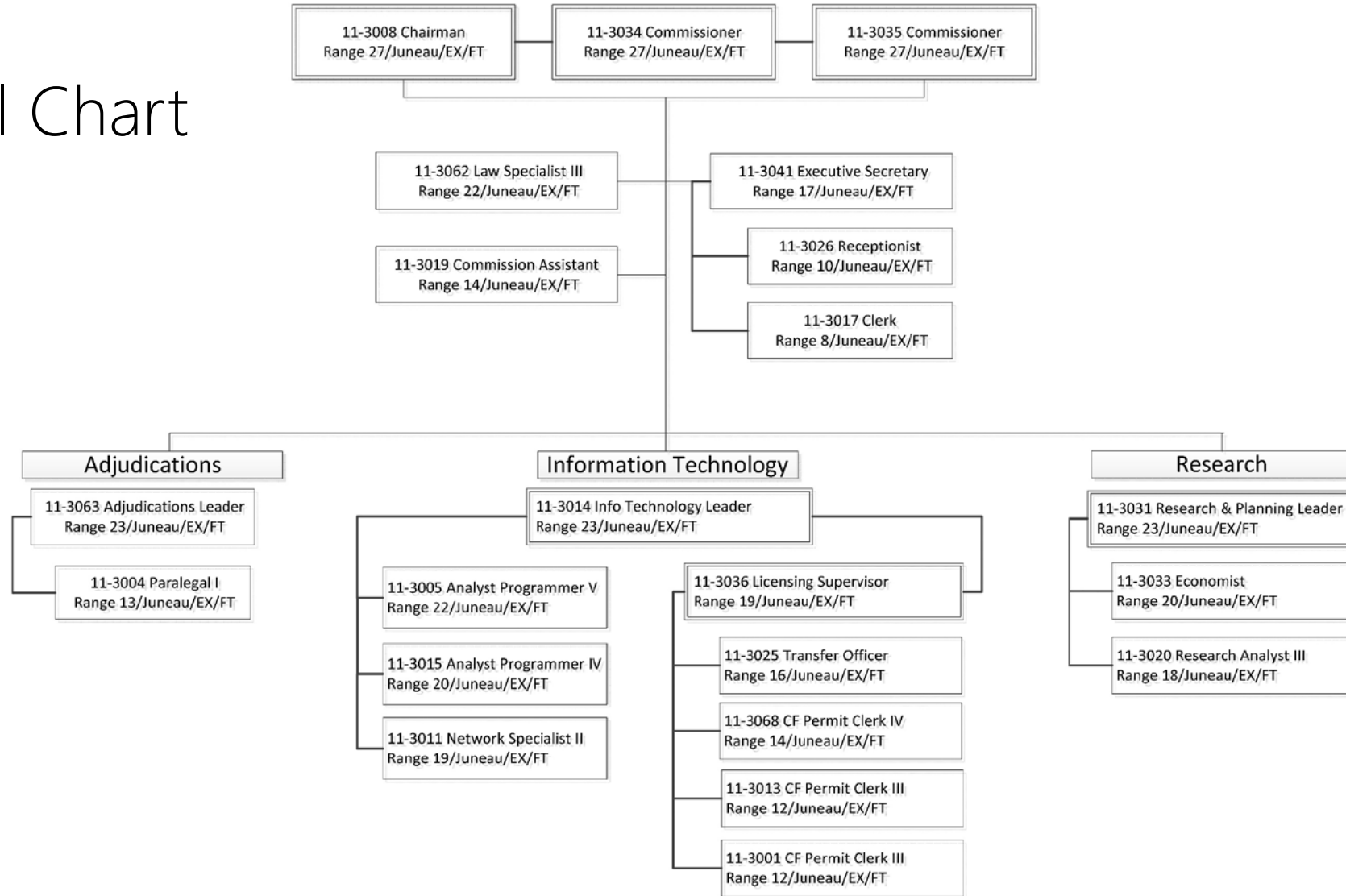
Why is HB 231 Needed

- Caseload is lighter
 - Decisions from the CFEC have declined over time
- Save money
 - Align commissioners to similar ranges of similar positions (OAH, Hearing Officers)
 - Align staff with similar positions in classified service

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(Administratively attached to the Department of Fish and Game)

Current CFEC Organizational Chart



Questions?

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