

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: CSHB(FIN)79-DFG-DSF-1-21-22
Title: SALTWATER SPORTFISHING
OPERATORS/GUIDES
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: (S)RES

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Sport Fisheries
Allocation: Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number: 464

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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

1024 Fish/Game (Other)	297.2	0.0	594.4	594.4	594.4	594.4	594.4
Total	297.2	0.0	594.4	594.4	594.4	594.4	594.4

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/23

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

This fiscal note reflects changes adopted in the House Finance Committee. New fee schedule keeps resident guide licenses at \$100 and resident operators or resident combination licenses at \$200. Nonresident licenses have been added to the fee schedule at \$200 for nonresident guides and \$400 for nonresident operators or nonresident combination licenses.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Department of Fish and Game is federally required to issue salt water logbooks for recording harvest and effort data to meet Pacific Salmon Treaty and International Halibut Act obligations as well as several regulations adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. However, the mandate is unfunded by the federal government. This bill will provide funding for the issuance and reporting of salt water logbooks by restoring sunsetted license fees and increasing license fees for nonresidents.

Revenue generated under the proposed fee structure: The licensing fee structure portion of this legislation would begin January 1, 2023 at \$100 for resident sport fishing guides, and \$200 for resident sport fishing operators or combined resident sport fishing operator and guide. Additionally, nonresident guide license fees will be \$200 and \$400 for nonresident sport fishing operators or combined nonresident sport fishing operator and guide.

The department projects fees to generate approximately \$594,400 annual revenue depending on activity.