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Explanation of Changes Version A to Version G

SCS CSHB79 (RES): Salt Water Guide Licensing

House Fisheries Committee - Version A to Version B

- Made necessary amendments to include fresh water sport fishing guides and operators in licensing provisions throughout the bill. The logbook reporting requirement (AS 16.40.282) remained specific to salt water guides.
- Reduced the sport fishing guide license fee from \$200 to \$100, reduced the sport fishing operator and combined license fees from \$400 to \$200.
- Added new section to uncodified law directing the Department of Fish and Game to prepare a report for the legislature proposing solutions to gathering harvest data for the saltwater rental and unguided fishing industry, due December 1, 2022.

House Finance Committee - Version B to Version I

- Maintained the reduced sport fishing guide (\$100), operator and combined (\$200) license fees for residents.
- Added new fee schedule for nonresident sport fishing guides (\$200), operators and combined (\$400) license types.
- Adopted an amendment to the logbook reporting provision (AS 16.40.282) which would give the department the flexibility to collect logbook information from guides and operators in both salt water and fresh water.

Senate Resources Committee - Version I to Version G

• Made necessary amendments throughout the bill to remove fresh water sport fishing guides and operators from licensing provisions (Sections 1 & 2). These amendments include removing the reference to fresh water within the reporting section (AS 16.40.282).

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