

Fiscal Note

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 Title: SPORT FISH SURCHARGE
 Sponsor: MCCABE
 Requester: (H)Fisheries

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)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services				75.0		75.0	
Travel							
Services				350.0		350.0	
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	425.0	0.0	425.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1024 Fish/Game (Other)				425.0		425.0	
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	425.0	0.0	425.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1024 Fish/Game (Other)			465.6	465.6	465.6	465.6	232.8
Total	0.0	0.0	465.6	465.6	465.6	465.6	232.8

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? Yes
(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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation establishes a \$1 surcharge on sport fish licenses and creates a sub-account within the Fish and Game Fund to collect the funds. The fees would be used to fund a biennial economic study on the impacts of sport fishing in Alaska. The surcharge sunsets on January 1, 2032.

The licensing surcharge would take effect on the date established by the department through regulation. With an effective date of January 1, 2027, for this legislation, the department anticipates adopting an effective date for the surcharge by July 1, 2027. Using a five-year average of license sales and deducting 10% for vendor commissions and overhead, the department estimates the surcharge revenue generation at \$465.6 beginning in FY2028 and \$232.8 in FY2032 due to the partial-fiscal year in which the surcharge sunsets.

The department would contract out the work for the economic study with estimated costs of \$350.0 for services incurring in FY2029 and FY2031. Staff time would also be required to coordinate the survey and provide data to the contractors. The department estimates \$75.0 in personal services costs for approximately four to six months of staff time. A new position is not anticipated to be needed, but the department could fund a temporary or part-time position with the Fish and Game Fund revenue generated from the fees if determined necessary later.