

Fiscal Note

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 Title: FISH & GAME WILDLIFE REFUGES
 Sponsor: JOSEPHSON
 Requester: (H)Resources

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Wildlife Conservation
 Allocation: Wildlife Conservation
 OMB Component Number: 473

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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027						
Personal Services								
Travel	10.0							
Services								
Commodities	35.3							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	45.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	45.3							
Total	45.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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? 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/28**

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 corrects boundary descriptions for special areas (state game refuges, critical habitat areas, and state wildlife sanctuaries) and adds land parcels that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has purchased or otherwise acquired through cooperative efforts with partners. The bill also amends current terminology used in statute to describe these special areas, applying the terms “wildlife refuges” and “wildlife sanctuaries” consistently across all special areas and requiring these areas to be uniformly managed.

Implementation of the bill will result in costs to the department associated with delineating the new boundaries, updating website content, publications and other materials, producing new signage, and labor and travel to special areas for sign installation. Reallocation of existing staff time will be required; however, the work can be completed with current positions.

The department anticipates increased travel costs for aircraft, boat charter, airlines, vehicle, lodging and per diem, and commodities costs for producing new signs, maps, brochures and other materials. The total cost to the Division of Wildlife Conservation in FY2027 is \$45.3.

The department will also need to amend regulations to be consistent with the new terms for special areas as found throughout the bill. The costs to adopt regulation changes can be absorbed.