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Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair
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Co-Chairman Senator Bert Stedman:

At the hearing on Monday, March 19th for Senate Bill 91, regarding sport fishing guide licenses, Senator Olson requested information on the penalties associated with the sport fishing guide license and reporting program.

The statutes regarding the sport fishing guide license and reporting program are contained within AS 16.40.250 – AS 16.40.299. The provisions within these statutes contain the requirements for sport fishing operator licenses, sport fishing guide licenses, reports, and the penalties associated with failing to meet these requirements. The penalty for failing to be licensed and having license documents in your possession, completing logbook requirements, submitting the logbook, and displaying guide boat decals or annual stickers are considered violations and the fines range from \$100 to \$200.

Also found within these statutes is language concerning a licensed sport fishing operator or guide who aids in violating a sport fishing statute or regulation. If a licensed sport fishing operator or sport fishing guide aids in the commission of a violation of AS 16.05 – AS 16.40 or a regulation adopted under those statutes, the penalty is considered a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Examples of such violations include sport fishing without a license, failing to adhere to bag and possession limits, and sport fishing in closed waters.

If you need any additional information on the penalties associated with the sport fishing guide license and reporting program, or if you have any more questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ben Mulligan
Legislative Liaison