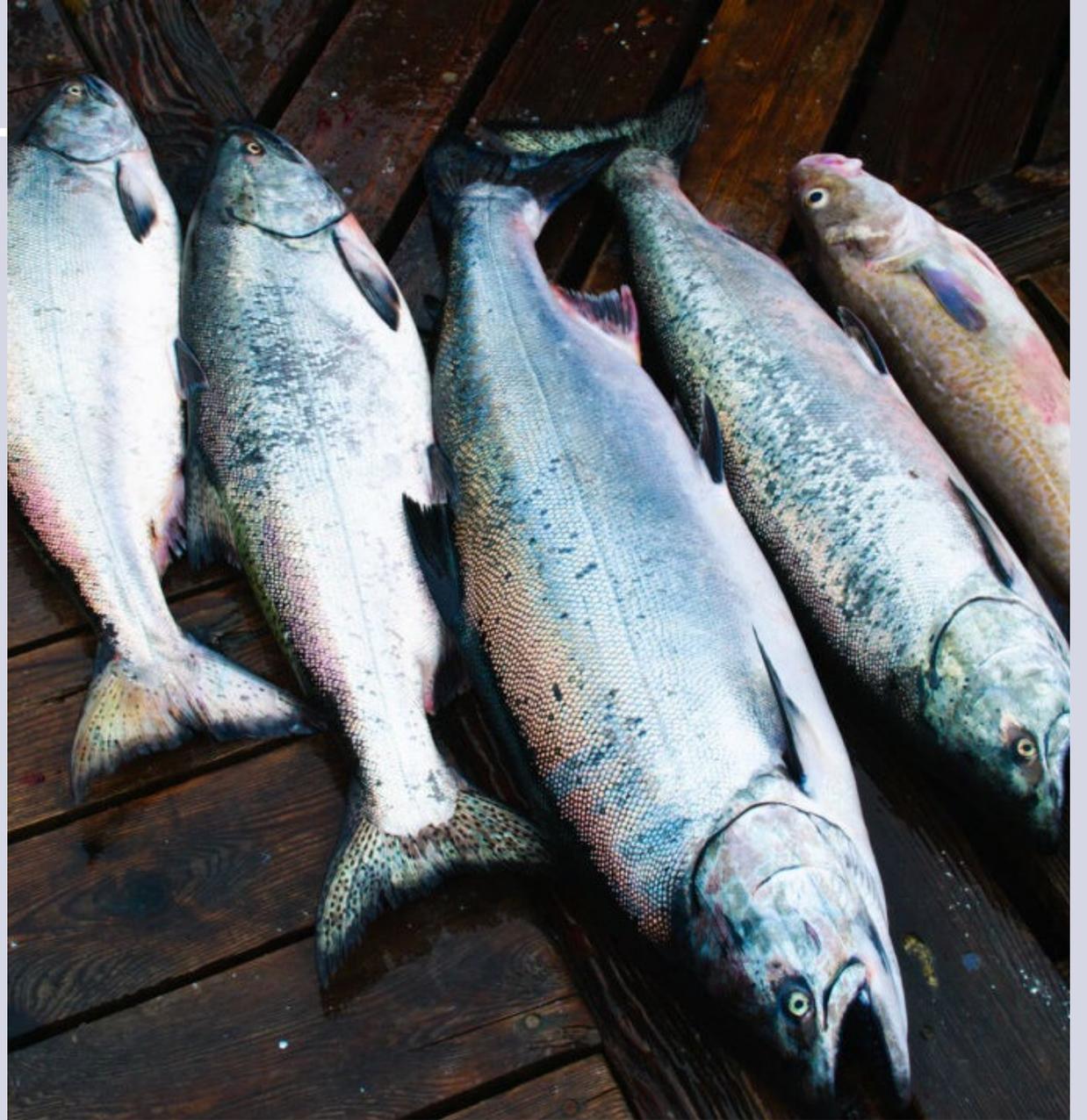


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## HB 93

“An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date.”

Sponsored by  
Representative Rebecca  
Himschoot





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## HB 93

Closely aligns the requirements to get a resident sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license with the requirements to get a permanent fund dividend.

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# THE CURRENT RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS ARE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE

- This allows individuals who are only here a few months of the year to take advantage of our generous resident bag limits and reduced license fees.
- This impacts Alaskans who live here year-round and depend the most on our fish and game resources.



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# CURRENT REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR A RESIDENT LICENSE

1. Physical presence in the state with the intent to remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state.
2. Maintenance of a domicile in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license.
3. No claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.

AS 16.05.940 (11) “domicile” means the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away.

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# QUALIFYING FOR A RESIDENT LICENSE WITH HB 93

1. Physical presence in the state with the intent to remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state.
2. Maintenance of a domicile in the state for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the application for a license.
3. No claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.
4. **Physical presence in the state at all times during the 12 consecutive months preceding the application for a license unless the absence was an allowable absence consistent with the permanent fund dividend allowable absences ([AS 43.23.008](#)).**



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# SUMMARY OF ALLOWABLE ABSENCES

- **General:** Absences up to 180 days (subject to certain limits based on other allowable absences claimed) consistent with the individual's intent to remain an Alaska resident.
- **Education-Related:** Full-time secondary or post-secondary education or other full-time education program not available in Alaska.
- **Military Service:** Serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or accompanying a family member who is serving and is eligible for a dividend.
- **Merchant Marine Service:** Serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard a U.S. oceangoing vessel.
- **Medical Treatment:** Receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician or convalescing as recommended by the physician.
- **Caregiving:** Providing care for a critically ill family member, or for a terminally ill family member.
- **Settling an Estate:** Managing the estate of a deceased family member, as long as the absence doesn't exceed 220 cumulative days.
- **Congressional Service:** Serving as a member of the U.S. Congress or on the staff of an Alaskan member of Congress.
- **State Employment:** Working as a state employee in a field office or another location outside Alaska.
- **Accompanying a Minor or Eligible Resident:** Accompanying a minor or another eligible resident who is absent for certain allowable reasons.
- **Peace Corps and Olympic Training:** Serving in the federal Peace Corps or training or competing as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team.
- **Student Fellowships with U.S. Department of Education or Department of State:** Participating for educational purposes.

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# PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND REQUIREMENTS YOU WILL **NOT NEED TO MEET** TO GET A RESIDENT LICENSE WITH HB 93

1. Physically present in the state at all times during the entire qualifying year or, if absent, the absence was an allowable absence (AS 43.23.008).
2. Physically present in the state for at least 72 consecutive hours at some time during the prior two years before the current dividend year.
3. Compliance with military selective service registration requirements.
4. Not sentenced as a result of a state felony conviction during the qualifying year.
5. Not incarcerated as a result of the conviction in this state of:
  - (A) felony; or
  - (B) misdemeanor if the individual has been convicted of
    - (i) a prior felony as defined in AS 11.81.900; or
    - (ii) two or more prior misdemeanors as defined in AS 11.81.900.

# EXAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS

<b>Species/Fishery/Area</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Personal Use Fisheries	Yes, you can participate	No, you cannot participate
King Salmon – Southeast Alaska, 2024 unless changed by Emergency Order	2 per day, 2 in possession, and no annual limit.	1 per day, 1 in possession -Annual limit January 1 – June 30: 3 -Annual Limit July 1 through July 15: 2 -Annual Limit July 16 through December 31: 1
Coho, Chum, Pink, and Sockeye Salmon less than 16 inches	10 of each species per day, 10 of each species in possession	10 of each species per day, 10 of each species in possession
Tanner and Dungeness Crab	Tanner Crab: 30 legal males, Dungeness Crab: 20 legal males	Tanner and Dungeness Crab: 3 legal males in combination
Shrimp	No limit	3 pounds or quarts

# EXAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS

<b>Species/Unit</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Black Bear/Unit 1	2 bears	1 bear
Grizzly Bear/Unit 1	1 bear	1 bear*
Deer/Chichagof Island east of Port Frederick and north of Tenakee Inlet in Unit 4	3 deer total	2 bucks
Goat/Unit 4	1 goat	1 goat*
Sheep/Unit 9	1 ram with full-curl horn or larger	1 ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years*
Wolf/Unit 11	5 wolves	5 wolves
Caribou/north of the Golsovia river drainage in Unit 22A	15 caribou total (only one cow) by permit	1 bull

\* Must be accompanied in the field by an Alaska-licensed guide or resident relative with second-degree of kindred, age 19 or older, who possesses a valid Alaska hunting license.

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## EXAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LICENSE AND TAG FEES FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS

<b>License</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Annual Sport Fishing License	\$20.00	\$100.00
Annual Sport Fishing and Hunting License	\$60.00	\$260.00
Annual Sport Fishing, Hunting and Trapping License	\$85.00	N/A
Annual Hunting (all game)	\$45.00	\$160.00
Hunting and Trapping	N/A	\$405.00
Annual King Salmon Stamp	\$10.00	\$100.00
Brown/Grizzly Bear Tag	\$25.00	\$1,000.00*
Deer Tag	N/A	\$300.00
Goat Tag	N/A	\$600.00*
Moose Tag	N/A	\$800.00
Sheep Tag	N/A	\$850.00*

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# SUPPORT FOR HB 201 DURING THE 33<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE

- **Communities:** Petersburg Borough Assembly, City and Borough of Sitka Assembly, City of Craig, Yakutat City and Borough, City of Kasaan, City of Coffman Cove, City of Thorne Bay, and City of Pelican
- **Organizations:** Alaska Federation of Natives, Resident Hunters of Alaska, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and Craig Tribal Association.
- **Fish and Game Advisory Committees:** Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee, East Prince of Wales Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Upper Tanana Forty-mile Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Minto/Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee, and Eagle Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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## HB 93 WILL ENSURE OUR FISH AND GAME RESOURCES GO TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM THE MOST

- Residency requirements will be clear and enforceable.
- Generous bag limits will be preserved for year-round residents who depend on our fish and game resources to put food on the table.
- Residents will continue to enjoy reduced cost licenses and tags.
- Bag limits and hunting and fishing opportunities for non-residents will not be impacted.



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**THANK YOU**

Representative Rebecca Himschoot  
House District 2

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