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Title: BOARD OF FISHERIES
Sponsor: HOFFMAN
Requester: (S) Resources

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Statewide Support Services
Allocation: Boards of Fisheries and Game
OMB Component Number: 2048

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	804.2		804.2	804.2	804.2	804.2	804.2	804.2
Travel	88.1		88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
Services	74.6		74.6	74.6	74.6	74.6	74.6	74.6
Commodities	8.2		8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	975.1	0.0	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	975.1		975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1
Total	975.1	0.0	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1	975.1

Positions

Full-time	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/27

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 restructures the Board of Fisheries from a single, seven-member board into a 15-member board subdivided into three regional boards comprised of five members each. The boards must hold at least one individual meeting and one joint meeting each year to address regulations for the fisheries and water bodies over which each board has jurisdiction and joint jurisdiction over fishery management areas crossing regional designations, including statewide regulations.

The bill provides the new regional boards with authority to hire and set the compensation for a clerical assistant for each board, which are anticipated to be Executive Directors positions. Currently, the Board of Fisheries and Game each have a designated Publications Specialist as well to help coordinate meetings and prepare materials. Additional administrative support will be required to book and process the travel, process timesheets, reconcile credit card transactions, and other administrative duties. With the increase in the number of board members, honorarium required under AS 16.05.290 will also increase.

Additionally, due to the increased number of boards, members, and the likelihood of additional meetings, travel and other meeting costs are anticipated to increase. Travel costs include airfare, lodging and per diem for board members and Board Support Section staff. Services costs include meeting venue fees and the required legal notices for regulatory meetings. Commodities costs include meeting materials such as proposal booklets, office supplies and equipment. It is difficult to anticipate the exact amount since it is unknown how many meetings there may be of each regional board, including potential joint meetings. Cost estimates are based on the FY2026 budget for the Boards of Fisheries and Game component.

The Board of Fisheries and department may need to amend regulations to set boundaries for each region administered by the subdivided board and to be consistent with and implement other provisions of the bill. The costs to adopt regulation changes can be absorbed.

Personal Services Total: \$804.2

One permanent full-time Executive Director 1, Juneau - \$152.6
One permanent full-time Executive Director 1, Kotzebue - \$219.7
One permanent full-time Publications Specialist 2, Juneau - \$106.7
One permanent full-time Publications Specialist 2, Kotzebue - \$152.4
One permanent full-time Administrative Assistant 2, Juneau - \$99.9
Honorarium for eight additional board members - \$72.9

Travel Total: \$88.1

50 percent increase in travel costs

Services Total: \$74.6

50 percent increase in meeting costs

Commodities Total: \$8.2

50 percent increase in commodities costs