

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB356-DEC-EH-04-10-26
Title: COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS
Sponsor: VANCE
Requester: (H) FISHERIES

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Environmental Health
OMB Component Number: 3202

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	132.1		132.1	132.1	132.1	132.1	132.1	132.1
Travel	6.0		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Services	28.9		7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Commodities	7.5		3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	174.5	0.0	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	222.9		197.9	197.9	197.9	197.9	197.9
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(48.4)		(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)
Total	174.5	0.0	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.5

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(48.4)		(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)
Total	(48.4)	0.0	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)	(48.4)

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/26

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

The bill modifies health, sanitary, permitting, and fee requirements for certain small-scale commercial fishing operations.

It directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to exempt qualifying small commercial fishing vessels from additional health and sanitary requirements, if federal seafood safety standards are met and the fishery species harvested present low pest and disease risk. Additionally, the bill authorizes limited onboard packaging and freezing of harvested fishery resources.

The bill requires DEC, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game, to simplify and streamline regulations for qualifying small-vessel direct marketing fishers and to approve or deny permit applications within 30 days. It also caps annual regulatory fees at \$100 for certain licensed commercial fishers harvesting fewer than 10,000 pounds annually from vessels under 50 feet and operating under a direct marketing fisheries business license. By comparison, current annual permit fees are \$325 for a direct-market vessel and \$200 for a direct-market land-based operation.

Personal Services: *Environmental Health Officer 3, \$132.1 annually:* Processes, reviews, and makes recommendations on permit applications, ensures appropriate and complete permit is processed. Provides technical assistance to permittees, inspects and enforces as appropriate.

Travel: *\$6.0 annual:* Operational costs associated with inspection and training to support implementation of the new permitting workload.

Services: *Department of Law, \$21.0 (FY27 one-time):* Review and revision of existing regulations to reflect new requirements and changing fees.

Other Service Costs: \$7.9 annually: Office space and other associated operating costs for one new position, including allocated department overhead.

Commodities: *Office and Program Supplies, \$7.5 (FY27; \$3.5 thereafter):* Minimal supplies necessary to support one new staff position and basic program administration.

Funding: *UGF \$222.9 (FY27; \$197.9 thereafter): expenses (\$174.5 FY27; \$149.5 thereafter) plus annual loss of program receipts (\$48.4) as the result of reduced fee collection associated with the change in direct-market permits.*