

State of Alaska
Executive Order 124
Statement of Cost

Summary

This Executive Order transfers statutory authority to prohibit by regulation the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs from the Board of Game (BOG) to the Commissioner of Fish and Game by adding a new subsection to the commissioner's authority under AS 16.05.050 transferring the language from the BOG's authority under AS 16.05.255(a)(8).

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will likely see an increased number of requests to add different species to the clean list, at least initially, and will need to develop standards and processes for submitting and addressing those petitions. Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) staff would be needed to review each petition to ensure minimal impact on Alaska’s indigenous species before the Commissioner of Fish and Game approves or denies a request. DWC staff already conduct this review for proposals in front of the BOG, so transferring authority from the BOG to the Commissioner of Fish and Game to make the decision whether to add a species to the clean list has little impact.

DWC staff time would also be required to conduct a comprehensive regulatory review to identify all the applicable responsibilities and regulations that are going to be transferred from the BOG to the Commissioner of Fish and Game and may need to be updated to comply with the statutory change. Outside staff time, there is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation other than updating website information and regulations.

Any costs can be absorbed by the department, and we do not anticipate an increased expense for DWC in the long term.

Agency Cost Summary

Agency	Cost
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	\$0
TOTAL	\$0