

Fiscal Note

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Title: RELEASE HUNTING/FISHING RECORDS TO
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Sponsor: EDGMON
Requester: House Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Sport Fisheries
Allocation: Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number: 464

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Personal Services	9.1		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	9.1	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1037 GF/MH (UGF)	9.1		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total	9.1	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version of fiscal note.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Sport fishing business owners and guides are required by regulation to register with the department before conducting sport fishing or guide services. Sport fishing guides are required by regulation to obtain and complete a logbook. Logbooks require information including: Division of Motor Vehicles boat registration or United States Coast Guard documentation number for vessels used to provide guide services; locations where guide services were provided; effort, catch, and harvest by clients, owners, or employees of the sport fishing business or guide, and; other information the department requires. The sport fishing business owner is responsible for reporting logbook information and returning logbooks completed by the guide it employs to the department as specified in the logbook. The purpose of the logbook program is to provide information necessary for the management or conservation of the fishery resource or regulation of the guide industry. Under Alaska Statutes, logbook information is confidential and may not be released by the department. This bill would require the release of certain records related to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable.

Assumptions:

- any of the existing municipalities in Alaska may request records or reports of guided fishing activities filed by a guide from the Division of Sport Fish to verify taxes payable to the municipality;
- the department is aware of three municipalities that currently tax sport fishing guide activities in some way; and
- municipalities that request records or reports for the purposes of this bill will submit requests on an annual basis.

Limitations:

- it is not clear what records and/or reports are expected to be released to municipalities. Although the bill language specifies guided fishing activities, AS 16.05.815(a) refers to reports concerning landings of fish and other parameters commonly associated with a commercial, as opposed to a guided sport, fishery; and
- guided fishing activity data is collected at a certain geographic scale using geographic areas specified by the division for fishery management purposes. The scale and area currently used is likely incongruent with municipal boundaries and areas in most cases.

Calculation Method:

One-time and recurring costs are estimated to account for requests from three municipalities in Alaska. One-time costs are identified for FY19 and provide for initial work with each municipality to ascertain the types of information needed, reconcile municipal boundaries with the geographic reporting areas, and configure databases to provide the requested data. One-time costs identified for initial setup in FY19 are estimated at \$9.1. This includes salary for one Program Coordinator II (\$13.0/month) for one week per each of the 3 municipalities, and assumes an average of 4.3 weeks per month (52 weeks per year divided by 12 months per year).

$$\begin{aligned} & (13.0 \text{ monthly salary divided by } 4.3 \text{ weeks per month, multiplied by } 3 \text{ municipalities}) \\ & (13.0/4.3)*3 = 9.1 \end{aligned}$$

Recurring annual costs are estimated to be \$2.0 annually. This provides for line 100 costs of responding to annual requests for up to 3 municipalities, at less than one day per municipality. Funding for these personal services likely does not qualify for Fish and Game fund and would require general fund.

Cost identified in this FN is likely a minimum estimate. Actual costs will depend on the number of municipalities requesting records or reports of guided fishing activity from the division. Should the number of municipalities requesting records or reports increase beyond the three municipalities understood to tax fishing guide services, actual costs would increase proportionally.