

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB031-DFG-CFEC-01-31-25
 Title: VESSELS: REGISTRATION/DERELICT FUND
 Sponsor: STUTES
 Requester: (H)Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries
 Allocation: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
 OMB Component Number: 471

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency:	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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Harbors and state waters are littered with derelict vessels and finding owners can prove difficult at times for harbor masters and appropriate law enforcement. In 2018, the Alaska State Legislature passed the Derelict Vessels Act (SB92) which put stronger tracing controls on boats plying Alaska waters. The legislation inadvertently required vessels with a valid certificate of documentation with the United States Coast Guard to register with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). However, commercial fishing vessels are registered with the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), and CFEC can help track down owners if necessary.

The original bill created a duplicative registration requirement, which CFEC estimates the number of vessels affected at 4,700 annually. This legislation does away with the duplicative registration but does not have any other programmatic or fiscal impact on CFEC. Thereby, the commission submits a zero fiscal note.