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Title: SPORT FISHING SERVICES
Sponsor: TILTON, MUNOZ
Requester: House Finance Committee

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)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services		312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8
Travel		5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Services		58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4
Commodities		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1024 Fish/Game		382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7
Total	0.0	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7

Positions

Full-time		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues		361.9	411.2	411.2	411.2	411.2	411.2
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/31/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

The fiscal note reflects the new change in fee structure to be effective Jan. 1, 2016.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Committee Substitute for House Bill 41 reinstates the licensing and logbook program, as well as reestablishes some minimum standards for sport fishing guides and sport fishing operators that were in place until December 31, 2014. Under this program the Division of Sport Fish will license all sport fishing business owners and sport fishing guides, register all vessels used in guided sport fishing trips, issue identifying decals, issue logbooks to all sport fishing businesses for the recording of specific harvest and effort data for each guided fishing trip, and record all of this information into appropriate databases. It is estimated that there will be 1,742 guides and 1,185 guide businesses that will fall under the purview of this program.

The total cost of running the current sport fishing services program in FY16 is \$382.7.

Total FY16 Cost Breakdown

Personal Services	\$312.8
Travel	\$ 5.5
Services	\$ 58.4
Commodities	\$ 6.0

Total **\$382.7**

Personal services includes one full-time Office Assistant I for 11 months (\$53.9), one full-time Fish and Game Program Technician for 12 months (\$69.8), one full-time Office Assistant II for 6 months (\$33.7), two full-time Office Assistants for 7 months (\$79.4), and one full-time Program Coordinator for 6 months (\$76.0).

Revenue generated under the proposed fee structure:

The licensing fee structure portion of HB 41 would begin on January 1, 2016 (\$100 for Guides only and \$200 for Sport Fish Business or Sport Fish Owner and Guide) and generate approximately \$411.2 in annual revenue which would slightly exceed support for the current program costs. Expenditures are calculated on a fiscal year basis and fees are charged on a calendar year basis with expected revenues to be collected across the two fiscal years, 88% January through June and 12% July through December.

This bill analysis shows the cost of the program under the current logbook program and does not reflect costs once the electronic logbook program is implemented. When the electronic logbook program is implemented we anticipate some level of savings, but at this time we are unable to quantify those savings.

It is anticipated that the regulations relating to the implementation of this program should be in effect by March 31, 2016.