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HB 246

SPORT FISH GUIDE LICENSES

HB 246 extends Alaska's sport fish guide licensing and reporting program for one year. The data collected through this program has been an important tool for the proper management of sport fisheries through a better understanding of our fish stocks and their harvest. In addition, the licensing has ensured a standard for professionalism and responsibility for sport fish businesses and guides, benefiting both consumer and businesses alike.

The data collected through the reporting program is important in Alaska's exemption from the National Saltwater Angler Registry which will prevent Alaskans from purchasing a certificate of registration.

The sport fish guide licensing program provides necessary data for the wise management of Alaska's fish resources while ensuring professionalism in the guiding industry and preventing the need for further licensing and registration for Alaskan anglers.

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