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## REPRESENTATIVE PAUL SEATON HOUSE DISTRICT 30

### Memorandum

**From:** Representative Paul Seaton  
**To:** House Finance Committee Co-Chair, Representative Bill Stoltze  
House Finance Committee Co-Chair, Representative Alan Austerman  
**Date:** 1/27/2014  
**RE:** Clarification on intent of House Fisheries Committee in passing HB 143

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When the House Fisheries Committee passed HB 143, the intent of the committee was to establish the fee for short-term commercial fishing licenses for Alaskan residents at \$30 and to apply the Carlson V. State differential to non-resident short term commercial fishing licenses in addition to the base rate of \$30.

The reason that the committee did not determine it necessary to raise the rate on the resident short-term license is that the purchase of multiple short-term licenses by Alaska residents is occurring at a minimal rate: There were 24 multiple license purchases by Alaska residents in 2012, while non-residents made 1,015 multiple short-term license purchases.

The House Fisheries CS inadvertently combined resident and non-resident short-term license rates so that the Carlson differential applies to both. Should the House Finance Committee wish to maintain the \$30 fee for Alaska residents, I have attached an amendment for consideration which was drafted by Legal after the bill was passed from committee and clearly separates resident and non-resident fees as was the House Fisheries Committee's intention.