

Title: Fish tax analysis and surtax projections

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Purpose: To show fish pounds, value, and tax revenue broken down by tax rate and by developing versus established status. Also, to project revenue from a fisheries surtax that would not be split with municipalities.

Data Source: Fisheries business tax and landing tax returns in TAS from 2012 to 2014 as of Sept. 11, 2015

Key Assumptions: Surtax does not affect commercial fishing activity.

History:

Disclaimer:

The Department of Revenue is in the process of reviewing and updating the data on which this analysis is based. As a result, future analysis could have different results.

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Fish tax data by rate, 2014 tax year

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total pounds</u>	<u>Total value</u>	<u>Total tax</u>
Total established at 3% rate	5,079,848,777	\$ 1,634,853,220	\$ 49,045,597
Total established at 4.5% rate	164,913,261	\$ 125,292,220	\$ 5,638,150
Total established at 5% rate	253,594,261	\$ 90,264,481	\$ 4,513,224
Total established fisheries	5,498,356,299	\$ 1,850,409,921	\$ 59,196,971
Total developing fisheries	5,032,117	\$ 1,540,893	\$ 16,324

Fish tax data by rate, 2013 tax year

<u>Tax</u>		<u>Total value</u>	<u>Total tax</u>
Total established at 3% rate	4,664,415,146	\$ 1,589,557,980	\$ 47,686,739
Total established at 4.5% rate	386,367,387	\$ 236,981,613	\$ 10,664,173
Total established at 5% rate	307,998,228	\$ 130,889,515	\$ 6,544,476
Total established fisheries	5,358,780,761	\$ 1,957,429,108	\$ 64,895,388
Total developing fisheries	168,551,700	\$ 20,633,581	\$ 206,670

Fish tax data by rate, 2012 tax year

<u>Tax</u>		<u>Total value</u>	<u>Total tax</u>
Total established at 3% rate	4,400,854,781	\$ 1,690,667,746	\$ 50,720,032
Total established at 4.5% rate	219,874,245	\$ 167,124,013	\$ 7,520,581
Total established at 5% rate	255,499,971	\$ 121,271,496	\$ 6,063,575
Total established fisheries	4,876,228,997	\$ 1,979,063,255	\$ 64,304,188
Total developing fisheries	180,611,785	\$ 22,642,641	\$ 226,757

*Note: "total tax" includes amount shared with municipalities

Estimates of surtax revenue

<u>Type of fishery</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue estimate</u>
Developing	0.50%	\$ 74,695
Established	1%	\$ 19,289,674
Total		\$ 19,364,369

Estimates are based on the average fish value in the previous 3 years.
Surtax would not be shared with municipalities.