

Fiscal Note

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Title: TRAPPING NEAR PUBLIC TRAILS
Sponsor: JOSEPHSON
Requester: House Resources Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Wildlife Conservation
Allocation: Wildlife Conservation
OMB Component Number: 473

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Personal Services	22.2		22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2
Travel								
Services	5.0							
Commodities	130.3		13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	157.5	0.0	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	16.7		16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7
1024 Fish/Game (Other)	140.8		18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5
Total	157.5	0.0	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1024 Fish/Game (Other)	651.8		65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2
Total	651.8	0.0	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/18

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This committee substitute requires trappers to affix a tag to each trap set and allows the Department to establish a fee to issue the tag. This fiscal note reflects the funds associated with issuing the tag.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill restricts trapping statewide in manners similar to restrictions that have been in place in certain locations in previous years. It additionally requires the Department to issue an identification number to the trapper and maintain a record of his/her name and current address. A durable trap or snare identification tag displaying the assigned identification number is issued to the trapper for a fee. These tags shall be displayed on each trap or snare set.

The Department will maintain a database of the name and address of licensed trappers. Issuance of the tag will be integrated into the Department's License Management System. This includes management of the required data and integrating it with the online store. The estimated one-time cost to implement these changes is \$5,000. The database maintenance is incorporated into the overall database with no additional annual costs. The estimated cost to purchase and print a tag is \$.25 per tag. The department estimates two person months per year to implement and maintain the program for a cost of \$22,215 per year.

In 2015, the Division sent questionnaires to 2,700 licensed trappers throughout the state. Based on survey responses it is estimated each trapper has an average of 1.5 trap lines with 32 trap sets per line for an estimated total of 48 trap sets per trapper (see management report titled 2015 Alaska Trapper Report: 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016). The Department issued 10,864 trapping licenses (10,782 resident, 82 non-resident) in 2015.

1.5 lines X 32 traps X 10,864 license holders = 521,472 estimated number of trap sets

Each trapper is required to purchase durable tags from the Department to affix to each trap set. These tags are issued once and used for the life of the tag or trap. All trappers are required to register their information and purchase tags in year one. To ensure costs of the program are covered comparable tags within the department are priced at \$1.00 each plus tag cost (\$.25) for an estimated trapper tag charge of \$1.25 per tag.

521,472 trap sets X \$1.25 per tag = \$651,840 estimated year one revenue

In subsequent years new trappers will purchase licenses, new traps will be added, and replacement tags will be needed. The Department estimates this number to be 10% of the year one total for an estimated number of trap sets needing tags to 52,147.

52,147 trap sets X \$1.25 per tag = \$65,184 estimated subsequent year revenue

The revenue will be deposited into the Fish & Game Fund. Personal Services expenses will be charged 75% federal, 25% Fish and Game Fund. All other expenses will be charge 100% to the Fish and Game Fund.

The department will identify any regulations that are inconsistent with the statute, and the Board of Game will adopt, amend, and repeal existing regulations to reflect the statutory changes.