

# HB 231 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission



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# Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

- The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) is a regulatory and quasi-judicial agency that is tasked to:
  - Limit entry of participants and vessels into the commercial fisheries
  - Issue and transfer annual commercial fishing permits and vessel licenses
  - Adjudicate appeals of actions including denials of applications and transfers
  - Study, analyze, and report on the economics and stability of commercial fisheries
  - Ensure reliable and timely access to fishery data; and
  - Promote the conservation and sustained yield management of Alaska's commercial fishery resource
  - Assess demerit points against or suspend fishing privileges of permit holders for convictions for violations of commercial fishing laws

# What HB 231 Does

- Changes compensation for three commissioners of the CFEC
  - Pay is reduced from a Range 27 (\$8789/month) to a Range 24 (\$7225/month)
  - Commissioner pay is not frozen if HB 231 passes—example: a commissioner at a 27J level could continue to receive pay increments on the new merit anniversary date
- Removes the CFEC staff from exempt service and assigns them to classified service
  - Division of Personnel/Labor Relations will perform a classification study and place positions on appropriate classified pay scale
  - Current CFEC staff will not receive a reduction in pay—their pay will be “frozen” until the pay scale catches up to the newly classified position
  - New CFEC staff will start at the new Range/Step A
  - Staff will be represented by appropriate unions—Supervisors Union (SU) and General Government Unit (GGU) or Confidential Employees Association (CEA)

## Savings

Commissioners: \$78,733/year

Staff: Savings come when staff turnover occurs and positions are rehired at the appropriate step/range

# Why is HB 231 Needed

- Caseload is lighter
  - Decisions from the CFEC have dropped from a high of 105 cases in 1998 to 3 cases in 2015 and 0 cases in 2016
- Save money
  - Align commissioners to similar ranges of similar positions (OAH, Hearing Officers)
  - Align staff with similar positions in classified service

# CFEC Budget

	FY 16 Management Plan	FY 17 Management Plan	FY 18 Governor
Personnel Services	3,562.1	2,945.9	2,998.9
Travel	35.0	35.0	20.0
Services	609.0	609.0	538.3
Commodities	94.1	94.1	75.4
Capital Outlay	10.0	10.0	0.0
Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	4,310.2	3,694.0	3,632.6
<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>			
Fed Rcpts (Fed)	114.4	114.4	0.0
CFEC Rcpts (DGF)	4,195.8	3,579.6	3,632.6
<b>FUNDING TOTALS</b>			
UGF	0.0	0.0	0.0
DGF	4,195.8	3,579.6	3,632.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Federal	114.4	114.4	0.0
<b>POSITIONS</b>			
Permanent Full Time	26	22	22
Permanent Part Time	2	0	0
Non-Permanent	0	0	0

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