

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB041CS(FIN)-DFG-DCF-4
Title: SHELLFISH ENHANCE. PROJECTS;
HATCHERIES
Sponsor: ORTIZ
Requester: (H)FSH

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries
Allocation: Statewide Fisheries Management
OMB Component Number: 2171

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2020	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2020 Request	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2020	FY 2020					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None			***	***	***	***	***
Total	0.0	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/20**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

This version of the bill removes the permit application fees from statute, giving the department the flexibility to establish them in regulation. Additionally, the department's previous fiscal note reflected an indeterminate cost. Since adopting the initial fiscal note, the Commercial Fisheries Division's new leadership has determined that the additional work load will likely be minimal and can be absorbed by existing staff. The additional workload will result in increased time required to process and issue permits and respond to public inquiries, and a reduction in less critical industry support efforts. However, issuance of permits will be within prescribed time frames.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Commercial Fisheries Division intends to utilize existing staff under the Aquaculture Section to administer the program proposed in this legislation. The Private Nonprofit Hatchery Permit Coordinator is the primary person responsible for evaluating these permit applications. Department of Fish and Game genetics, pathology, and management staff also contribute to the permit application review process. Permit application review generally takes six months to one year to complete. The department believes it can absorb the increase in work load with all existing resources.

The permit application fee for shellfish enhancement projects and new salmon private nonprofit hatcheries will be removed from statute. This will give the department the flexibility to set fees in regulation. This additional flexibility coupled with unknown industry interest in new projects is why the division is anticipating indeterminate revenue. However, the division can estimate two or three applications per year for the first two years and then a decline to an estimated one permit application per year.