

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB019CS(FIN)-DFG-CFEC-05-07-24  
Title: REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION  
Sponsor: STUTES  
Requester: (S)Finance

Department: Department of Fish and Game  
Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries  
Allocation: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission  
OMB Component Number: 471

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

1216 Boat Rcpts (DGF)	37.6		37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Updated to reflect changes adopted in the House Finance CS. Transition language waiving fees for calendar years 2024 and 2025 was removed as well as the retroactivity clause. The date the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission shall begin to assess fees was updated to January 1, 2025.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

Harbors and state waters are littered with derelict vessels and finding owners can prove difficult at times for harbor masters and appropriate law enforcement. In 2018, the Alaska State Legislature passed the Derelict Vessels Act (SB92) which put stronger tracing controls on boats plying Alaska waters. The legislation inadvertently required vessels with a valid certificate of documentation with the United States Coast Guard to register with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). However, commercial fishing vessels are registered with the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), and CFEC can help track down owners if necessary.

The original bill created a duplicative registration requirement. This legislation does away with the duplicative registration but maintains a small \$8 fee on these vessels beginning January 1, 2025. The fees will go to the Department of Administration in part to help fund the Derelict Vessel Prevention Program fund established in AS 30.30.096. CFEC estimates the number of vessels at 4,700 annually.

CFEC will need to set up initial accounting controls, ask for proof of payment from vessel owners in the first two years of the transition, and make annual transfers to the Department of Administration similar to current transfers to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Fishermen's Fund. The work increase is not significant and can be managed within current staff.

This fiscal note projects the level of revenue at \$37.6 with the collection of the \$8 fee.