

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses and to the
2 management of anadromous fisheries; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the additional revenue
5 generated by secs. 2 - 7 of this Act shall be deposited into the fish and game fund for sport
6 fish habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement and enforcement of habitat protection
7 measures to the extent permitted under the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
8 777-7771).

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(1) is amended to read:

10 (1) Resident sport fishing license **\$20** [\$15]

11 However, the fee is 25 cents for a resident who is blind.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

13 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license **45** [40]

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

1 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license . . **60** [55];
2 (A) however, the fee is \$5 for an applicant who
3 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the
4 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid
5 the indigent, or
6 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than
7 \$8,200 for the year preceding application;
8 (B) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and
9 sport fishing license must provide proof of eligibility under this paragraph
10 when requested by the departments.

11 * **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.340(a)(7) is amended to read:

12 (7) Nonresident special sport fishing license - valid for the period
13 inscribed on the license

14 (A) For 14-day license **\$35** [\$30]

15 (B) For three-day license **20** [15]

16 (C) For one-day license **15** [10]

17 * **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.340(a)(8) is amended to read:

18 (8) Nonresident sport fishing license **55** [50]

19 * **Sec. 7.** AS 16.05.340(a)(10) is amended to read:

20 (10) Nonresident hunting and sport fishing license. **140** [135]

21 A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a
22 numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under (15) of this subsection. The
23 tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must remain affixed
24 until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not
25 used for an animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for an animal of any
26 other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

27 * **Sec. 8.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to read:

28 Sec. 16.05.735. MANAGEMENT OF ANADROMOUS FISH. (a)
29 Notwithstanding AS 16.05.251(e), in a fishing area where the average estimated
30 noncommercial fishing effort for all fishery resources exceeds 500,000 angler-days per
31 year for the preceding three years, the Board of Fisheries shall give priority to the

1 management of anadromous fishery resources for noncommercial fisheries over
2 commercial fisheries. The board shall manage anadromous fishery resources under this
3 section in order to reasonably satisfy the demand for noncommercial use of
4 anadromous fish.

5 (b) This section is subject to AS 16.05.258.

6 (c) In this section,

7 (1) "fishing area" means the saltwater and freshwater areas of a
8 commercial fisheries management area that consists of fishing districts, subdistricts,
9 and sections and that is established by the Board of Fisheries for the management of
10 commercial fisheries;

11 (2) "noncommercial fisheries" means personal use, sport, and guided
12 sport fisheries.

13 * **Sec. 9.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1996.