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Revision Date/Time:	Dept Affected: <u>Natural Resources</u>
Title: <u>Self-registration of commercial set net fishing sites</u>	BRU: <u>Minerals, Land & Water Development</u>
Sponsor: <u>Rules Committee</u>	Component: <u>Claims, Permits and Leases</u>
Requestor: <u>Governor</u>	Component No: <u>2460</u>

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (fund code)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \$ n/a

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

[Note: No new funding is envisioned to be needed for this legislation. Continued program funding is already included in the department's proposed FY2001 budget.]

This bill replaces the shore fisheries leasing program with a self-executing commercial set net fishing site registration system, provides for a system of registering commercial set net sites, eliminates the department's role in resolving conflicts, and requires the payment of a rental fee to be established by the commissioner of the department. In response to sustained DNR budget cuts, the shore fishery program has been reduced from four state employees to one. The proposed self-registration system is designed to maintain orderly beach fishing while responding to reduced staffing levels.

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Continuation of fiscal note:

The current shore fishery program operates on program receipts. The program brings in approximately \$360.0 a year, and will continue to generate that revenue as a site registration program. Of the \$360.0 collected, \$95.0 was allocated to the department last legislative session to fund the program. The remaining money collected goes to the unrestricted general fund.

Staff will consist of a Natural Resource Officer II (NRO) for 12 months who will continue administering the 1200 existing shore fishery leases and will review the new registrations. Additional department staff provide clerical, administrative, supervisory and policy support. Administration of the shore fishery leases will decline each year until the year 2010, when the last leases should expire and the program will be fully under the self-registration program. In addition to administering the existing leases, the NRO will also administer the sites registered under the new self-registration program. It is anticipated that all the existing holders of a lease will register their site as the leases expire. As leases expire, the workload shifts to the registration program.

Total revenue obtained from set net leases and registrations is projected to remain steady at \$360.0 annually. Each year, the portion of the total coming from set net site leases will decline, and the portion coming from set net site registrations will increase, as leases expire and are converted to site registrations. The rental rate will be the same for both types of authorization. However, the set netter will no longer have the expense of preparing a lease diagram, which will not be required for the self-registration program.