

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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 Bill Version: CSHB 37(FSH)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: Public Access to Fishing Streams RDU: Resource Development
 Component: Title Acquisition & Defense
 Sponsor: Rep. Gara
 Requester: (H) FSH Component No.: 2459

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.2
Travel	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Contractual	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Supplies	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2	45.2

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires DNR, working with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), to identify private lands that the state should acquire to provide public access to and along popular fishing streams, and then directs DNR to pursue acquisition through purchase of easements, land exchanges, and or fee simple purchase.

Section 2 of the bill requires ADF&G to identify undeveloped land along popular fishing streams for possible acquisition. The bill identifies three areas where this process will look at first, but envisions an ongoing, statewide process. ADF&G then submits the list of parcels to DNR to acquire the land. This fiscal note does not include the actual cost to negotiate and appraise individual acquisitions, and does not include funding to pay the purchase price for acquisitions.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This fiscal note assumes that ADF&G will provide DNR with a list of parcels, maps of the parcels, names and addresses of property owners, and other information about the parcels. ADF&G will submit a separate fiscal note for these costs.

Section 3 of the bill directs DNR to acquire the lands identified by ADF&G. This fiscal note only includes DNR's costs to conduct initial land title work, field inspections of parcels to be acquired, and preliminary discussions with the owners of parcels that the state desires to acquire.

After these preliminary discussions, DNR would then request appropriations from the legislature to fund work on each parcel or group of parcels, including costs for negotiation, appraisals, surveys, complete land title reviews, and purchase of the land. If the specific acquisitions are not funded, DNR would not be able to pursue the acquisitions further.

DNR's initial costs that are included in this Fiscal Note are:

PERSONAL SERVICES COST - \$40.2

Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) III and Land Appraiser II (range 18s) - total 2 months @6.0/month = \$12.0 - to discuss acquisitions with property owners and estimate costs associated with individual parcel acquisitions.

Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) I (range 14) - 6 months @ \$4.7/month = \$28.2 - to conduct initial land title, preliminary valuation, and other research for all parcels.

TRAVEL, CONTRACTUAL, SUPPLIES - total \$5.0 - includes travel to sites (initial areas are all road accessible), research of municipal title records, office supplies, etc.

LONG TERM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTUAL ACQUISITIONS - **Not included in Fiscal Note.**

This fiscal note does not include the cost associated with negotiating the land purchase or exchanges, land appraisals, preparing and recording title documents, any necessary survey costs, and other related costs. DNR's experience with recent land acquisitions indicates that one NRS III position can negotiate and coordinate about four acquisitions per year. Some support staff time is also needed for document preparation, record keeping, additional title research, etc. Based on this, the estimated cost for each purchase is \$40.0 (\$25.0 for personal services and \$15.0 for contractual services including appraisal and environmental audit). Land exchanges are significantly more labor intensive, based on recent experience the cost for land exchanges is \$50.0 to \$100.0 per parcel.

Actual acquisition costs will vary by area and size of parcels. DNR estimates that parcels that provide access to Montana and Willow Creeks along the Parks Highway will cost about \$7,500 per acre for 5-10 acre parcels (\$37.5 - \$75.0 per parcel). Recent ADF&G purchases of parcels for access along the Anchor River and Deep Creek on the Kenai Peninsula were higher, averaging about \$100.0 per parcel.