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Title: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
Sponsor: SEATON
Requester: House Special Committee on Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Sport Fisheries
Allocation: Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number: 464

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	137.1		68.6	***	***	***	***	
Travel	28.4		14.8					
Services	102.5		56.5					
Commodities	3.0		1.0					
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	271.0	0.0	140.9	***	***	***	***	

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	271.0		140.9				
Total	271.0	0.0	140.9	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary	3.0		3.0				

Change in Revenues							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

This is the initial fiscal note.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #4

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Analysis

House Bill 89 would require:

- 1) Review and update the Alaska Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan.
- 2) Develop an Invasive Species Action Plan that outlines key agency contacts and communication trees; roles, responsibilities, and jurisdictional boundaries; species or habitats of concern and potential economic impacts; defines early detection methods; and will serve as the foundation from which response plans could be written focusing on specific species or pathways.
- 3) Develop rapid response plans for each of the 5 identified invasive species (northern pike, D.vexillum-tunicates, European green crab, spartina cordgrass, crayfish) that threaten aquatic ecosystems across the state. A template for a rapid response plan would be developed specific to each species which would include vectors of transmission, synthesis of background knowledge, documented or perceived distribution, and identified threat to specific areas or locations, as well as effective control or eradication methods.

Upon completion, a series of facilitated meetings would take place between identified state, federal, and municipal agencies, along with other stakeholder organizations to catalog authorities and available resources specific to rapid response. In addition, a series of facilitated public meetings would be held to receive and document public input and knowledge to be incorporated into a draft plan. Each hired staff member would be specifically assigned to a species and become the subject matter expert for that species for the purposes of preparing the response plan. The final task would be compiling all of the pertinent information and publishing a final rapid response plan to be implemented by all of the affected parties, on a case by case basis, as needed.

We anticipate that these three tasks will take 18 months to complete and the full year cost is shown in FY14 and a 1/2 year cost is shown in FY15. Because of the duration of the project, the division would utilize three non permanent staff: 1) Fishery Biologist III (18 months), 2) Fishery Biologist IV (9 months), 3) Education Associate II (9 months).

Each species would have a series of meetings which would be facilitated by an outside contractor who would also be required to provide input toward plan development following each meeting. We anticipate the facilitator to meet with staff in preparation, facilitation, and input for final response plans.

This fiscal note does not reflect the costs associated with implementing any of the plans this legislation directs ADF&G to develop. It would be extremely difficult to estimate those costs at this time resulting in an indeterminate cost for FY15 and beyond.