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 Allocation North Latitude Plant Material Center
 Sponsor SEATON
 Requester House Resources Committee OMB Component Number 2204

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY14 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY14 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	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/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

CHANGE IN REVENUES								

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY13) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY14) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? _____ Discuss details in analysis section.

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Updated to reflect amendment made in House Resources to "zero-out fiscal notes but retain Department language." The House Resources Committee maintains that there is a fiscal impact to the Department of Natural Resources, but leaves the amount of the exact appropriation to be determined by the next committee of referral, the House Finance Committee.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #7

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Analysis

HB89 establishes a new section in AS 16.05 that directs the Department of Fish & Game (DF&G), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other state, federal, public and private entities to establish a rapid response and management plan for addressing incipient populations of aquatic invasive species.

This fiscal note covers the estimated costs associated with DNR's participation in developing a rapid response plan in FY2014.

It is anticipated that in order to help develop the plan, the Division of Agriculture will need a long-term, non-perm Natural Resource Specialist II, Range 16, plus funds to cover travel and computer equipment. It is estimated the development of the rapid response and management plan would take up to one year and that some travel would be required in order to coordinate with the other agencies and entities.

DNR, in a memorandum of understanding with both DF&G and DEC, is the management and coordinative authority for submersed and partially emerged freshwater invasive aquatic plants.

This fiscal note does not include costs for plan implementation, rapid response to and management of an aquatic invasive species and therefore results in an indeterminate cost for FY2015 and beyond.

Currently, there are some eradication efforts in planning stages for freshwater invasive aquatic plants in Alaska--specifically for Elodea. The removal of Elodea would be carried out in the following methods: manual removal by divers, suction dredging, or chemical application.

Examples of potential costs for eradication include estimates done in both Fairbanks and Anchorage areas for removal of Elodea. Eradication of freshwater aquatic invasive plants are multi-year processes. An initial estimate for removal of Elodea in Sand Lake in Anchorage was \$210.0 over three years using herbicides. The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District estimated that over a five-year period it would cost about \$322.4 for mechanical control in Chena Slough.