

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB137-DFG-DAS-03-14-15  
 Title: HUNTING, SPORT FISH, TRAPPING FEES  
 Sponsor: TALERICO  
 Requester: House Resources Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game  
 Appropriation: Administration and Support  
 Allocation: Administrative Services  
 OMB Component Number: 479

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Personal Services	14.2		47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4
Travel							
Services	41.1		137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1005 GF/Prgm	55.3		184.4	184.4	184.4	184.4	184.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>184.4</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>	2,748.0		9,161.0	9,161.0	9,161.0	9,161.0	9,161.0
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost:** 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial fiscal note.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

HB 137 raises certain fees related to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping and establishes the requirement for state residents to purchase big game tags to take certain species.

This analysis shows the anticipated increase in revenue based on a five year average of actual license sales from 2010 to 2014. While the department has done some analysis on license purchasing trends following a price increase, buying behavior varies widely for each type of license sold. For the purpose of this fiscal note, we have assumed a ten percent decrease in sales due to the fee increases. This bill also raises the age of eligibility for a free sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license for state residents from 60 to 65. While an increase in sales to residents ages 60-64 is likely, purchasing behavior is unpredictable and is not factored into the new revenue analysis below.

Per AS 16.05.110 all revenue derived from the sale of fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and tags is deposited into the Fish and Game Fund. The additional revenue generated by the increased license fees and tags in this bill will provide a secure funding source for the core programs found within the Divisions of Wildlife Conservation and Sport Fish.

Revenue and expenditures are pro-rated for FY2016 based on historical purchasing trends.

**NEW REVENUE**

Resident Sport Fishing (includes combos)	\$824.0
Resident King Salmon Stamp	\$306.0
Resident Hunting & Trapping (includes combos)	\$852.0
Resident Big Game Tags	\$1,500.0
<b>Resident Total</b>	<b>\$3,482.0</b>

Nonresident Sport Fishing (includes combos)	\$3,341.0
Nonresident King Salmon Stamp	\$976.0
Nonresident Hunting and Trapping (includes combos)	\$523.0
Nonresident Big Game Tags	\$1,858.0
<b>Nonresident Total</b>	<b>\$6,697.0</b>

Subtotal	\$10,179.0
10% Decrease in Sales	\$1,018.0
<b>Total Increase in Sales</b>	<b>\$9,161.0</b>

Total Increase for Fishing	\$4,901.0
Total Increase for Hunting	\$4,260.0

**EXPENSES**

Personal Services	\$ 47,430
Services	\$136,990
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,420</b>

**Analysis Continued**

Personal services increase reflects the estimated additional data entry time needed for a seasonal employee.

Services Detail

License Vendor Compensation per AS 16.05.390	\$ 43,300
\$1 compensation for each new resident tag	
Postage/Envelopes	\$ 66,960
Big Game Records for Resident Tags	\$ 15,570
New Resident Metal Tags	\$ 11,160

The retained vendor compensation of 5% commission on additional license revenue is estimated to be \$320,636.