

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Bill Version:	SB 29
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Identifier: SB29-DFG-DCF-2-26-21
Title: COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA;PERMIT
BUYBACK
Sponsor: MICCICHE
Requester: (S)RESOURCES

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries
Allocation: Commercial Fisheries
OMB Component Number: 2965

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/24

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The purpose of this legislation is to reduce the number of commercial set net permits on the east side of the Cook Inlet, thereby improving profitability remaining set net permit holders and reducing king salmon harvest in the east side set net fishery. The bill allows for the division of an existing administrative area to establish a commercial shore set net entry permit buyback program.

The adoption of SB29 would require the Division of Commercial Fisheries to work in coordination with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and the Department of Natural Resources by closing waters associated with shore fishery leases or waters fished by CFEC permit holders involved in the buyback to commercial fishing for salmon. These closures would be implemented by the Department of Fish and Game in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. This will result in costs to promulgate regulations, print notices to be mailed, post required notices in newspapers and/or radio broadcast, hold public proceedings, and staff time to administer.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, the Division of Commercial Fisheries assumes that it will gather the necessary documentation and close the areas cumulatively either on an annual basis, at a time that best fits the fishery's needs, or a single, large scale closure when the program sunsets. This fiscal note reflects the cost under those scenarios, which are estimated to be minimal enough that the division can absorb the costs. However, if the Department of Fish and Game is required to close the areas immediately upon receipt from the Department of Natural Resources and the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 200 closures over a five-year period, the cost will rise by an indeterminate amount and will not be able to be absorbed.