

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB195-DFG-CFEC-02-02-24
 Title: COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA;PERMIT BUYBACK
 Sponsor: RUFFRIDGE
 Requester: (H)Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries
 Allocation: Central Region Fisheries Management
 OMB Component Number: 2168

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
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 (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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? **Yes**
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/25**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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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 for 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 buy-back program.

The bill would require the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Commercial Fisheries to work in coordination with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by closing waters associated with shore fishery leases or waters fished by CFEC permit holders involved in the buy-back program to commercial fishing for salmon. These closures would be implemented by ADF&G administratively 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 department 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. The costs under those scenarios are estimated to be minimal enough that the department can absorb the costs. However, if the department is required to close the areas immediately upon receipt from DNR and CFEC, 200 closures over a five-year period, the cost will rise by an indeterminate amount and will not be able to be absorbed.