

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: 0131-DFG-DCF-2-20-25
 Title: FINFISH FARMS AND PRODUCTS
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: GOVERNOR

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Commercial Fisheries
 Allocation: Statewide Fisheries Management
 OMB Component Number: 2171

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/26**

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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This legislation creates a new finfish farm permit program. The permit type described is similar to existing permits for aquatic farming. As a practical matter, finfish farming is aquatic farming. However, the bill is drafted to create new statutory framework and definitions for this activity. This approach creates a clear distinction between the two.

This bill does not fundamentally change department programs. The Department of Fish and Game has systems in place to permit and manage aquatic farms and hatcheries that could be replicated for finfish farms, and the language in the bill gives commissioner of fish and game authority to establish regulations in consultation with the commissioner of environmental conservation to govern all aspects of finfish farming.

Applications would be incorporated into the current process for similar permit types and receive the same level of scrutiny and review already conducted for existing permits. With existing permitting structures in place, the department can absorb the additional workload for processing applications for individuals or organizations that apply to engage in finfish farming. The department will also need to adopt regulations for the implementation of this bill but can absorb those associated costs. The bill provides for an application fee. However, the amount of the fee is anticipated to be zero while the department determines an average number of applications and the actual regulatory costs to permit this activity. Therefore, the department submits a zero fiscal note.