

HB 529

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/31/74

HOUSE

HT 629

Mr. Speaker:

Date 2-28-74

The Committee on RECREATION has had HT 629

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

( ) recommends it DO PASS

( ) recommends it DO NOT PASS

( ) recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

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CS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DO PASS

( ) "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMITTEE

( ) reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

( ) "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK SHEET

HB 529  
BILL NO.

1-31-74  
DATE

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An Act relating  
TITLE to Staffing for  
the Board of Fish & Game

Interim Committee

SPONSOR: Fisheries  
FURTHER REFERRALS

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This Bill If Enacted Would:

When Bill Considered by RA Committee:

2-22-74

Action Taken by Committee:

J. Miller moved we accept C.S. ~~bill~~ in lieu  
of original bill. Union moved we pass out do pass  
with unanimously

Amendments: Amended to Provide That:

Witnesses Testifying Before Committee: (summary of testimony)

The Legislature of the State of Alaska  
 FISCAL NOTE  
 Second Session - Eighth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill Identification: C.S. for House Bill No. 520  
 Title: An Act Relating to Staffing for the Department of Fish and Game  
 Requested by: Interim Committee on Fisheries Date: Feb. 25, 1974  
 Return Date Requested: March 4, 1974  
 Agency: Fish and Game Program: Natural Resources Management and Environmental Conservation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Administration and Support

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 74	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		62,300	63,900	65,400	66,900	68,500
200 TRAVEL		4,100	4,300	4,500	4,700	4,900
300 CONTRACTUAL		2,600	2,700	2,800	2,900	3,000
400 COMMODITIES		200	200	200	200	200
500 EQUIPMENT		2,300				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	71,500	71,100	72,900	74,700	76,600

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	71,500	71,100	72,900	74,700	76,600
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

C. POSITIONS: Executive Secretary, Range 24, \$1969/mo. plus benefits = \$27,400  
 Attorney III, Range 22, \$1699/mo. plus benefits = 23,600  
 Secretary III, Range 12, \$814/mo. plus benefits = 11,300  
 \$62,300

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	- / -	3 / -	3 / -	3 / -	3 / -	3 / -
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	- / -	36 / -	36 / -	36 / -	36 / -	36 / -

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

	Exec. Sec.	Attn. III	Sec.
Travel: Three trips to Board Meetings	\$ 390	\$ 390	\$ 390
Per Diem, 32 days @ \$30/day	960	960	960
Contractual: Communication	2,000	600	-
Commodities: Office Supplies	100	100	-
Equipment: 3 desks - \$730, 3 chairs - \$285, 2 bookcases - \$300, 3 file cabinets - \$405, typewriter - \$600	760	620	940

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Total

\$4,210

\$2,670

\$2,290

Note: Personal services reflect merit increases, travel and contractual services reflect inflation @ 5%.

V. DATE: Feb. 28, 1974

PREPARED BY: John T. Stewart

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

The Legislature of the State of Alaska  
FISCAL NOTE  
Second Session - Eighth Legislature

I. REQUEST

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 Title: An Act Relating to Staffing for the Board of Fish and Game  
 Requested by: Interim Committee on Fisheries Date: Feb. 25, 1974  
 Return Date Requested: March 4, 1974  
 Agency: Fish and Game Program: Natural Resources Management and Environmental Conservation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Administration and Support

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 74	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		38,700	40,200	41,700	43,200	44,800
200 TRAVEL		2,700	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,100
300 CONTRACTUAL		2,000	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,400
400 COMMODITIES		100	100	100	100	100
500 EQUIPMENT		1,700	-	-	-	-
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	45,200	45,200	46,900	48,600	50,400

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	45,200	45,200	46,900	48,600	50,400
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

C. POSITIONS:

Executive Secretary, Range 24, \$1,969/month plus benefits total \$27,400  
 Secretary III, Range 12, \$814/month plus benefits total 11,300  
 \$38,700

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	- / -	2 / -	2 / -	2 / -	2 / -	2 / -
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	- / -	24 / -	24 / -	24 / -	24 / -	24 / -

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Travel: Three trips to Board Meetings	Exec. Sec.	Sec. III
Per Diem, 32 days @ \$30/day	\$390	\$390
	960	960
Contractual: Communications	2,000	
Commodities: Office Supplies	100	
Equipment: 2 desks - \$490, 2 chairs - \$185, bookcase - \$150, 2 file cabinets - \$270, typewriter - \$600	760	940

IV. ATTACHMENTS Total \$4,210 \$2,290

Note: Personal Services reflect merit increase, travel and contractual services reflect inflation at 5%.

V. DATE: Feb. 28, 1974 PREPARED BY: John T. Stewart *J.T. Stewart*

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Mr. Larry Calvin  
Baranof Builders Supply  
Box 1170  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Mr. Calvin,

Thank you for your interest in the area of a possible co-ordinator working with the Fish and Game Department. There is a bill in the House Resources Committee right now entitled HB 519 which relates to the staffing of the Board of Fish and Game. Enclosed is a copy of this bill which the House Resources Committee will be considering very soon. Please let us know how you feel about it and if there is any written testimony you would like to send to us to consider at the meeting, just send to us at the above Juneau address. Thanks for your letter and call regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe McGill

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Sitka Advisory Committee  
Ann Aitken-Secretary  
General Delivery  
Sitka, Alaska 99835  
December 20, 1973

Mr. Jim Brooks, Commissioner  
Department of Fish & Game  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Commissioner Brooks:

The Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee protests the present system of regulatory management, particularly in the area of co-ordination between the local knowledge available and the central board.

There have been far too many instances of ridiculous regulations emerging that could have been prevented by a few minutes consultation with either the local Fish & Game Advisory Committee or the local Fish & Game personnel.

The last fiasco is not a major Alaskan concern, but it reflects on the entire method of regulation. A brief history of the latest deer season in Southeastern Alaska is as follows.

In the winter of 1972 the Sitka Advisory Committee discussed the 1973 deer season at some length. Our Committee is very divided in opinion concerning the December deer hunting; however, AT THAT TIME we voted to leave the deer season as it had been in the past several years, which allowed December hunting.

Against our wishes, and against the recommendation of the local game biologist, the Board eliminated the December hunting. We had been advised the year before that regulations could not be changed from what had been proposed.

Our Advisory Committee resolved to plan extensive discussions, work to consolidate our opinions, and make our voice heard the following year.

In October we suddenly were advised that the deer season was to be opened in December. This was again, with no discussion with the local Advisory Committee, nor with the local biologist. We were told this move was prompted by a petition in Juneau. We highly resented again not being consulted and arranged a meeting with Mr. Gordon Jenson and Mr. Frank Jones, Director of the game division. One of the results of the meeting was an assurance by Mr. Jones that we would be consulted in the future before a change was made. We stressed, that while part of our members were opposed to December hunting, ALL our members were opposed to making emergency regulations when there has been no emergency or change in the factors that the Board had originally based their decision. If this practice were allowed to continue, pressure groups would all too often dictate management procedure by emotion, rather than logic.

In November of this year, under some emotional pressure; but without any real check on what the local people or Advisory Committees wanted, the season was extended 15 days in Unit 4 with the exception of Baranof Island.

Mr. Gordon Jenson tried to apply our opposition to an extended deer season. But in the rush of applying an unnecessary emergency, the many islands directly to the westward of Baranof were included in the extension. Thereby, creating a ridiculous situation, since the deer population on the islands are usually Baranof deer.

Two minutes conversation with the local Advisory Committee would have prevented this situation.

The Sitka Advisory Committee proposes that a full time Advisory Committee Co-ordinator would solve many of the communication problems arising throughout the state. This person would organize and advise new boards, update the existing ones, and continually keep in contact with all legislation pertaining to the local Committee. This person must sit in on all "closed sessions" and inform the local Committee of any "unexpected" development, so that last minute advise can be offered.

Something must be done! This program would be a start to better game management.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Calvin*

Larry Calvin, Chairman

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BARANOF BUILDERS SUPPLY Box 1170 • Sitka, Alaska 99835

Mr. Joe McGill  
Chairman, House Resources Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. McGill

Please read our enclosed letter to Commissioner Brooks. It is just typical of the frustrations local advisory committees have been experiencing over the years. Local knowledge can be a big asset to fish & game management. In all practical respects, it has been ignored.

Our proposal of a full time public co-ordinator acting as a non-voting board member could bridge the very large chasm between the academic knowledge of the Fish & Game department, the politics of the Fish & Game board, and the local knowledge available.

We all realize that some committees would be very biased, some would be good. The co-ordinator would advise the board of the background of the committee, providing a better value to the opinion.

This route would not be the final answer to the many communication problems but with the proper personnel it could be the first step towards better management and regulations.

If you are interested in our proposal, you can call me during the day at 747-3339 or at night at 747-8373.

Yours truly,

  
Larry Calvin