

"An Act relating to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and fees; effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

423276

Mr. Speaker:

Date May 24 1976

The Committee on FINANCE has had CS SSSB 335

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)

() recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR CS SSSB 335 AND THAT

House CS FOR CS SSSB 335 DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

[Signature] _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

[Signature] recommends: Do pass

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[Signature] recommends: _____

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[Signature] Chairman

Original sponsor: Rules Committee by
request of the Governor

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 335

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to sport fishing, hunting, and trap-
7 ping licenses and fees; and providing for an effective
8 date."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 " Section 1. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) Fees for licenses and tags are as follows:

13 (1) Resident sport fishing license.....\$10 [\$5]

14 However, the fee is \$1 for a resident who is blind.

15 (2) Resident hunting license..... 12 [7]

16 (3) (A) Resident hunting and trapping license... 15 [10]

17 (B) Resident trapping license..... 3

18 (4) Resident hunting and sport fishing license... 22 [12]

19 (5) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport
20 fishing license 25 [15]

21 However, the fee is 25 cents for the head of a family or a
22 dependent member of his family or one solely dependent upon
23 himself for support upon proof presented by the applicant
24 that the applicant (A) is obtaining or has obtained assis-
25 tance during the preceding six months under any state or
26 federal welfare program to aid the indigent, or (B) has an
27 annual family gross income of less than \$3,600 for the year
28 preceding application.

29 (6) Visitor's special sport fishing license -
valid for the [10-DAY] period inscribed on the license;

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(A) for a 10-day license..... 15 [10]

(B) for a one-day license..... 5

(7) Nonresident sport fishing license..... 30 [20]

(8) Nonresident hunting license..... 60 [20]

(9) Nonresident hunting and sport fishing
license..... 90 [40]

A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued to him as provided in (16) of this subsection. The tag shall be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture [TAKING] and shall remain affixed until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported.

(10) Nonresident hunting and trapping license....200

(11) (repealed)

(12) (repealed)

(13) Fur dealers:

(A) Resident fur dealer license..... 50 [20]

(B) Nonresident fur dealer license.....200 [100]

(14) Taxidermists:

(A) Resident taxidermy license..... 75 [50]

(B) Nonresident taxidermy license.....200 [150]

(15) Fish, fur or game farming license.....100

(16) Nonresident big game tags:

(A) Bear, black, [EXCEPT BLUE COLOR PHASE]

each.....100 [75]

[(B) BEAR, BLACK, BLUE (GLACIER) COLOR PHASE,

EACH.....150]

(C) Bear, brown or grizzly, each.....250 [150]

(D) Bear, polar, each.....250 [150]

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- (E) Bison, each.....250 [100]
- (F) Caribou, each.....200 [50]
- (G) Deer, each..... 35 [25]
- (H) Elk, each.....125 [75]
- (I) Goat, each.....125 [75]
- (J) Moose, each.....200 [100]
- (K) Sheep, each.....250 [150]
- (L) Walrus, each.....250 [100]
- (M) Wolf, each..... 50
- (N) Wolverine, each..... 50 [25]

(17) (repealed)

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(18) Resident big game tags:

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- (B) Sheep, each..... 20
- (C) Goat, each..... 10
- (D) Elk, each..... 10
- (E) Bison, each.....100

(19) Resident or nonresident permit application

fee for purposes of sport hunting only (all species for which a limited drawing is conducted, except musk oxen).... 5

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.345 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 16.05.345. MUSK OXEN. The department shall issue big game tags for the taking of musk oxen if an open season is declared. The

1 cost of these tags is \$500 for residents, except the requirements for
2 subsistence purposes may be waived, and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

3 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 1977.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE
 Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST
 Bill No. SENATE SUBSTITUTE 11 24 68
 Title: AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 Requested by: SENATOR
 Return Date requested: 1968
 Agency: SENATE Program: SENATE

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: SENATE
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	PY 76	PY 77	PY 78	PY 79	PY 80	CC %
100 PERSONNEL		1.2				
200 TRAVEL						
300 SUPPLIES						
400 CONTRACTS						
500 DEPRECIATION						
600 INTEREST						
700 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
TOTAL		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	

B. FUNDS: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
PROGRAM FUNDS						
STATE						

C. POSITIONS:

	REQUIREMENTS					
PERSONNEL/TELEGRAPH	1	1	1	1	1	1
NON PERSONNEL (E.T.C.)	1	1	1	1	1	1

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)
 SEE FISCAL NOTE, REVENUES, ATTACHED.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Estimated Revenues.

V. DATE: 7/15/68 PREPARED BY: [Signature]

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

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: F. R.D. Stevenson
Special Assistant
Department of Revenue

DATE: January 26, 1976

FROM: *RHP*
R.H. Pilcher
Manager
Juneau Field Office

SUBJECT: Sponsor Substitute for SB 335

Passage of Sponsor Substitute for SB 335 will:

1. Increase certain sport fishing and hunting license fees for both residents and non-residents
2. Increase certain tag fees for non-residents
3. Require tags for residents to hunt five species of game

effective January 1, 1977.

Although Sponsor Substitute for SB 335 is entitled: "An Act relating to sport fishing, hunting, trapping, and COMMERCIAL FISHING licenses and fees," no reference is made in the body of the bill to COMMERCIAL FISHING licenses and fees. Therefore no consideration is given to commercial fishing licenses and fees in estimation of revenues and costs of administration. The title should read: "An Act relating to sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and fees; and providing for an effective date."

EFFECT ON TREASURY

Based on calendar year 1975 actual license and tag sales and on the sale of approximately 14,150 resident tags, passage of this bill will result in a dollar revenue increase of approximately \$1,870,000.00 for distribution to the various funds in calendar year 1977. (See attached breakdown of revenue estimates.)

The additional workload involved in the distribution and sale of resident game tags, plus auditing reports and accounting for the added revenue, will require the addition of one Accounting Clerk II position to the DRO's work force. (See Fiscal note attached.)

The January 1, 1977 effective date for this sponsor substitute bill eliminates problems of administration encountered with the original SB 335.

LICENSE	PROPOSED NUM FLE	SOLD IN 1975	GROSS SALES	NET SALES	NET TO SPORT FISH FUND	NET TO GAME FUND	NET TO FISH FUND
Sport Fish	12	54,561	654,732	622,176.35	622,176.35		
Hunt	12	16,267	194,450	134,775.89		184,775.89	
Hunt/Trap	15	1,191	17,715	14,832.79		13,466.23	
Sport Fish/Hunt	24	34,779	373,505	293,125.14	354,564.97	396,564.97	
Sport Fish/Hunt/Trap	27	7,551	201,377	153,793.93	86,099.52	86,099.52	
10 Day Sport Fish		24,279	242,290	259,214.65	239,214.65		
Sport Fish	25	19,913	493,825	473,933.51	473,933.51		
Hunt	25	5,437	135,925	129,155.93		129,155.93	
Sport Fish/Hunt	50	1,649	52,609	77,914.49	38,953.20	33,953.20	
Hunt/Trap		24	5,299	4,941.04		617.63	
Sh/Tur/Same Farm		1	109	95.92			
Trap		759	2,277	2,163.51			
no License		1,437	2,974	2,825.99			
Fur Dealer	50	121	6,659	5,745.71			
Fur Dealer	200	4	899	766.16			
Taxidermy	75	36	2,709	2,565.56			
Taxidermy	200	2	407	399.09			
Blind Sport Fish		5	5	4.75	4.75		
Blind Hunt/Fish/Trap		6,094	1,251	1,121.79	523.31	523.31	
		172,519	2,538,387	2,752,536.60	1,343,774.17	253,165.77	
Game Tags (See below)		6,955	1,243,892	1,151,963.77		1,151,963.77	
NET OF PRESENT SALES		179,957	4,159,157	3,925,433.67	1,343,774.17	2,032,115.77	
NET SALES PER ESTIMATES							
NET TO SPORT FISH FUND (See below)		14,150	216,500	205,713.39	205,713.39		
		195,634	4,375,657	4,119,720.28	1,549,487.56	2,277,232.72	
NET TO GAME FUND (Actual)							
			2,373,085	2,259,537.22	1,193,838.20	1,118,694.47	
			1,974,572	1,877,896.46	747,339.97	1,117,556.49	
Black Bear (except Blue)	100	93	93,392	55,654.66			
Black Bear (Blue Phase)		11	1,654	1,547.33			
Brown/Grizzly Bear	250	53	219,759	200,254.45			
Caribou	200	1,691	339,200	313,756.04			
Deer	35	425	14,275	14,134.22			
Elk	175	9	1,125	1,053.97			
Goat	125	409	59,099	47,519.00			
Moose	290	1,750	356,099	332,271.29			
Unkown		10	6,599	5,176.39			
Beaver	250	674	168,599	160,182.70			
Bobcat		169	3,099	2,601.60			
Wolf/Coon	50	60	3,099	2,360.60			
GAME TAGS		6,955	1,243,892	1,151,963.77			
Brown/Grizzly Bear	25	5,000	125,000	118,775.00			
Sheep	10	5,000	50,000	47,519.00			
Goat	10	4,000	40,000	33,635.00			
Elk	10	100	1,000	959.28			
Deer	10	53	500	475.19			
GAME TAGS (Estimated)		14,150	216,500	205,713.39			

Game tag rate figured at 2.5% to 1975 actual cost of sales.

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COALITION of INTERIOR ALASKA OUTDOORSMEN

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Chena River Sports Club
Chitina Dipnetter's Association
Fairbanks Trailblazers, Inc.
Interior Alaska Trappers Association
Interior Wildlife Association
Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

April 15, 1976

Dear Governor Hammond and Legislators,

Re: Senate Bill No. 335

The Coalition of Interior Alaska Outdoorsmen has previously stated their position on raising the cost of hunting and fishing licenses and big game tag fees. We now feel that it is time to better define and clarify this position.

Senate Bill 335 as passed by Senate drastically changes the license and tag fee structure. It is our understanding that over 85% of revenue generated by sales of licenses and tags comes from non-residents. Based on this information, we question how much will be gained by doubling the cost of resident sport fishing and hunting licenses. We believe fewer licenses will be sold, therefore decreasing any gain hoped to be achieved.

We believe that three other areas should be considered for additional revenue and to better distribute the cost burden to all those benefiting from fish and game management programs. These are as follows:

1. We do not believe that any valid reason exists today for a 25-cent license. If necessary, the welfare agency supporting the qualifying individual should pay the normal fee and thereby transfer these funds to the fish and game fund so federal matching monies could be received. In 1975, 5,004 25-cent licenses were sold. None of these funds went to the Dept. of Fish and Game. Since this 25-cent license allows the licensee to hunt, fish and trap it should be valued at \$15.00. Thus \$75,000.00 in possible revenues was not received by Fish and Game. When the 3 to 1 matching federal monies are added the total loss was actually \$300,000.00.

2. We believe that somewhere between one fifth and one third of the Dept. of Fish and Game's Sport Fishing and Game Division's activities are solely directed toward non hunting and fishing activities. This is estimated to consume in excess of \$2,000,000.00 of Fish and Game funds. At the present time the hunter and fisherman pays the bill for these activities. We believe a better method would be to fund these activities from general funds and thus more equitably share the costs of all activities. A general fund appropriation of approximately \$600,000.00, along with matching federal funds, would total approximately \$2,000,000.00.

3. At the present time all revenue derived from trapping licenses goes directly to the general fund account. Fish and Game does not receive any of these monies, but provides all the management efforts. Again, the hunter and fisherman is paying the bill. We believe that these trapping funds should be sent directly to the Fish and Game account. This could then be matched by federal monies. Approximately 8,000 trapping licenses were sold in 1975. This amounts to \$24,000.00. Due to loss of federal matching funds, this resulted in a loss of \$100,000.00 to Fish and Game. We would support an increase of the resident trapping license to \$10.00 providing these funds go directly to Fish and Game. This could generate \$320,000.00 in additional revenue.

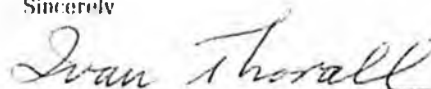
We are opposed to all resident big game tag fees. The cost of administering may well offset any additional revenue derived. This will also discourage hunting by residents and may effect sales in related outdoor activities. We believe this new fee area should be approached with great caution.

Items 1 through 3 above would require a general fund appropriation of \$600,000.00 and could generate as much as \$2,620,000.00 for Fish and Game management. This would be done without changing the present resident hunting and fishing license structure.

We have not taken a position on non-resident fee increases. The legal and social ramifications are such that we think it best to concentrate our efforts on this license and fee issue as it affects us as resident Alaskans.

Again we would like to suggest that public hearings on this matter be held in several areas of the State.

Sincerely



Ivan Thorall, Chairman