

HB

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First Man (Wednesday)  
Unit Man 2, 1977

BILL ANALYSIS

ASSIGNMENT DATE 1-22

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DEPARTMENT SPONSOR (PRINCIPAL) BILL NO.

Fish and Game

Haugen

HB 71

DEPARTMENT POSITION

Oppose

DIVISION DIRECTOR DATE COMMISSIONER DATE

*Carl L. Rosier*

DATE

*James H. Brooks*

DATE

*2/3/77*

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE

POSITION NOTED  POSITION APPROVED  POSITION DISAPPROVED

BY DATE *2-3*

SUMMARY

(1) RELATED BILLS (SIMILAR OR CONFLICTING)

(2) a. ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL	(2) b. ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL
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PROGRAM EFFECTS OF BILL

More than one hundred thousand shellfish pots are in use in Alaska's shellfish and bottomfish fisheries. In the Bering Sea king crab fishery alone, an estimated 35,000 pots were used during the 1976 season. Pots vary in design and durability between fisheries. Not all pots degrade at the same rate. To require that all pots have a biodegradable seam or panel would put an unreasonable burden on the fishermen of the state.

We applaud the objectives of this bill but believe its enactment would be detrimental.

(4) FISCAL IMPACT:  NONE  FISCAL ANALYSIS ATTACHED

(5) AMENDMENTS PROPOSED:

(6) COMMENTS:

Biodegradable pots are currently required by Board of Fisheries regulation in the South-eastern Alaska bottomfish fishery. This requirement was adopted by the Board in December 1975 on an experimental basis to be expanded to other fisheries if it proved successful. In April 1976, the Board adopted regulations requiring that after July 1, 1978, all king crab and tanner crab pots have a mechanism which will destroy their fish catching and holding ability within a six-month period if they are lost or abandoned. The intent of these regulations was to encourage the department and fishermen to experiment with methods which will insure that lost pots do not continue to fish without unnecessarily restricting fishermen to use of a biodegradable panel. Since regulations are currently in existence which provide the means of dealing with the problem addressed by this bill, there is no need for this legislation to be enacted.

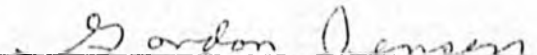
RESOLUTION NO.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

WHEREAS the Alaska Board of Fisheries recognizes the socio-economic advantages of pot limits in certain areas and urges the Fish and Wildlife Protection Division of the Department of Public Safety to enforce it to the best of its abilities.

FURTHERMORE, Mr. Ole Harder's proposal to individually mark crab pot buoys may be applicable in some king crab fisheries of the state while in other major production areas new refinements may be necessary to implement it on a reasonable cost-benefit basis.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board of Fisheries urges the legislature to explore the possibilities of funding a comprehensive program that would incorporate a realistic and enforceable approach to this pot limit problem.

  
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Gordon Jensen, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Adopted: March 31, 1977  
Vote: 7/0

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS for SENATE BILL 196  
 Title Regulation of Shellfish Pots & Buoys Used In Taking King Crab  
 Requested by POLAND Date 4/13/77

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Fish and Game  
 Program Category Affected NRMEC  
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Commercial Fisheries

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
400 COMMODITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7

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

See attached.

GENERAL FUNDS TO BE OFFSET BY PROGRAM RECEIPTS.

IV. DATE 4/19/77

PREPARED BY Robin Glauthier  
 AGENCY Commercial Fisheries  
 PHONE 465-4210

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

**ANALYSIS: CS for SB 196, Regulation of Shellfish pots**

Passage of SB 196 will require positive identification of shellfish pots and buoys used in taking King Crab by means of individually numbered registration tags designating year of issuance which are to be issued with each license and permanently affixed to each pot.

A reliable manufacturer estimates that a tag suitable for this use can be produced for approximately \$.20 each. Approximately 280 vessels will be affected by the requirement to identify shell fish pots (Sec 16.05.632). The pot limit is 75 pots that can be fished per vessel in regulated areas. Lost gear and replacement pots average approximately 25% of the total shellfish pots. Therefore, approximately 26,250 tags will be needed at a cost of approximately \$5,250.00. Shipping, postage, and other handling charges would amount to approximately \$2,000.00.

Personal services to administer tag issuance and maintain records will be necessary for six months per year at Homer, Kodiak, Juneau, and Petersburg. This requirement will be satisfied by four temporary Clerk III's, totaling 12 man-months per year at a total cost of \$12,721.00.

Registration tags could be issued for a fee of \$.75 per tag to offset General Funds.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 71

Title An Act relating to the use of biodegradable shellfish pots

Requested by Osterback

Date 2-14-77

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Fish and Game

Program Category Affected NRMEC

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Commercial Fish

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0					
200 TRAVEL	0					
300 CONTRACTUAL	0					
400 COMMODITIES	0					
500 EQUIPMENT	0					
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0					
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0					
FEDERAL FUNDS	0					
OTHER (Specify)	0					

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0					
PART TIME	0					
TEMPORARY	0					

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

No fiscal impact.

IV. DATE 2-22-77

PREPARED BY *[Signature]*

AGENCY Fish and Game

PHONE 465-4210

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

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

By: House Resources

To: \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE BILL No. 71

SENATE BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

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