

COMMITTEE REPORT  
HOUSE

FURTHER:

(11)

3/21/33

Date: 3-29-33

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 187

An Act relating to regulation, licensing, and fee for fur farming.

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 187 (123)  same title  
 new title
- and recommends DO - PASS
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation  Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[Signature]  
CHAIRMAN

Offered: 3/21/83  
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Ringstad by request

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 187 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regulation, licensing, and fee  
7 for fur farming; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 03.05.010(c)(6) is amended to read:

11 (6) regulation of fur farming [, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN  
12 AS 16.05.340(b)]; for purposes of this paragraph, "fur farming" means  
13 the raising and caring of animals [IN CAPTIVITY] for the purpose of  
14 marketing their fur, or animals themselves for breeding stock [AND  
15 "DOMESTIC FUR FARM ANIMAL" MEANS A FUR ANIMAL BORN AND RAISED IN  
16 CAPTIVITY];

17 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

18 (15) fish [, FUR] or game farming license.....100

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) The commissioner of fish and game may issue without cost a  
21 permit to collect fish and game, including fur animals, subject to  
22 [THE] limitations and provisions that are [HE CONSIDERS] appropriate,  
23 for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose. In addition,  
24 the commissioner shall [MAY] issue a permit for [(1)] the collecting  
25 of wild fur animals for improving the genetic stock of [FOR] fur farm  
26 animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in accordance  
27 with current sustained yield management practices for the species of  
28 wild game for which the permit is requested [FARMING, OR (2) THE  
29 RECAPTURING OF FUR ANIMALS THAT HAVE ESCAPED FROM FUR FARMS]. The

1        annual permit fee for an Alaska resident to collect wild [A PERMIT FOR  
2        COLLECTING] fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the  
3        fee for resident trappers [\$100].

4        \* Sec. 4. AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5                (f) A permit may not be required for possessing, importing or  
6        exporting mink and fox for fur farming purposes.

7        \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
8        10.070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: CSHB 187 Date on Bill: 3/21/83  
Title: Regulation, licensing and fee for fur farming  
Sponsor: Ringstad  
Requestor: Finance Committee

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue	-0-	-0-	-0-
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

Not applicable.

3. Assumptions:

Does not affect Department.

4. Disclaimer:

This statement has not been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It therefore does not represent the final estimate of fiscal impact.

Prepared By: Ned Farquhar Phone: 465-2400  
Division: Commissioner's Date: 28 March 1983  
Approved by Commissioner: *Mrs. D. Arnold* Date: 28 March 1983  
Department: Natural Resources

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STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date 3/25, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 187 (Res)  
 Title: Fur farming  
 Sponsor: Rimstad by request  
 Requestor: House Resources

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: DEC  
 Program Category Affected: Consumer Protec  
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Seafood and Animal Industries

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

N/A

IV ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

Prepared By: Billie Trent  
 Division: for Seafood and Animal Industries  
 Approved by Commissioner: Richard A. Nove  
 Department: Environmental Conservation

Phone: 465-2600  
 Date: 3/15/83  
 Date: 3/25/83

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STATE OF ALASKA  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: CSHB 187 Date on Bill: 2/11/83  
 Title: An Act relating to regulation, licensing, and fee for fur farming  
 Sponsor: John Ringstad  
 Requestor: John Ringstad

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total	0	0	0	0

b. Revenues:

Revenue	0	0	0	0
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

N/A

3. Assumptions:

N/A

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Prepared By: Robert A. Hinman *Robert A. Hinman* Phone: 465-4190  
 Division: Game Date: 3/15/83

Approved by Commissioner: Don W. Collinsworth *Don W. Collinsworth* Date: 3/15/83  
 Department: Fish and Game *Don W. Collinsworth*

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The following individual is expected to testify on CS HB 187  
(Resources):

Representative John Ringstad, prime sponsor

STATE OF ALASKA  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: CSHB 187 Date on Bill: 3/21/83  
Title: Regulation, licensing and fee for fur farming  
Sponsor: Ringstad  
Requestor: Finance Committee

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

Not applicable.

3. Assumptions:

Does not affect Department.

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Division: Commissioner's Date: 28 March 1983  
Approved by Commissioner: *Mrs. D. Amund* Date: 28 March 1983  
Department: Natural Resources

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2/15/83

# ALASKAN FUR RANCHERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 56166  
NORTH POLE, ALASKA 99705

PHONE: 488-3079

PHONE:

February 3, 1982

Chairman Schultz &  
Chairman Ringstad  
Finance Committee  
Capitol Building  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

FEB 7 1983

Dear Sirs:

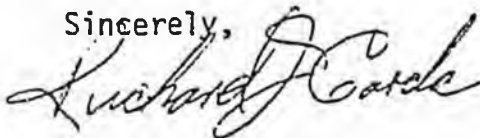
The Alaskan Fur Ranchers Association wishes to thank you both for your willingness to sponsor legislation which will again make fur farming legally possible. Your rapid response to a recent impounding of one of our members breeding stock is also sincerely appreciated. The impounding of breeding stock serves to reinforce the necessity for the legislation you are sponsoring.

As you know the future of fur farming in Alaska looks very promising. The fur farming industry in Alaska is expanding continuously and in doing so we are helping to diversify the Alaskan economy.

The Alaskan Fur Rancher Association stands firmly behind you both and requests your assistance in passing each piece of legislation submitted for us by Mr. Lynn Levensgood. We will assist in any manner you suggest.

Please contact us as soon as these bills have assigned titles and numbers so we can help to inform other legislators.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Carda  
President  
Alaskan Fur Ranchers Assn.

TO: REP JOHN RINGSTAD

ADDRESS: POUCH V, JUNEAU

House Bill No. 187 will correct many of the problems and obstacles faced by the Alaskan fur farmer. In particular, 187 will remedy license problems with Fish and Game, place fur farming under the Dept. of Agriculture, and remove fur farming from the authority of Dept. of Environmental Cons.

I urgently ask your support of Bill 187. This is not an issue which should be concerned with party divisions, but rather a problem of citizens and bureaucracy. Fur farmers must be recognized as part of the agricultural community with access to all programs enjoyed by other types of farmers. As fur farmers do not produce a product for human consumption, I advocate de-regulation of the industry as much as possible.

May I rely on your fullest support of this important issue?

If you have additional questions, please advise. Thank you in advance for your assistance on House Bill No. 187.

FROM: PATRICK W Lafferty Patrick W Lafferty  
ADDRESS: SR # 90040 FAIRBANKS AK 99701  
TELEPHONE: 488-7903

Nikishka Fox Farm  
P.O. Box 7076 NRB  
Kenai, Alaska 99611

March 19, 1983

Representative Albert P. Adams  
Capitol, Room 509/507/505  
State Capitol  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am one of a small, but growing number of Alaskan fox farmers.

The purpose of this letter is to request your support of HB 187.

The purpose of this bill is to return regulation of fur farming to the Department of Natural Resources from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Fur farming has been traditionally an agricultural industry and remained so until 1/13/81 when changed by Executive Order No. 51 without legislative process.

The problems created by Executive Order No. 51 are too numerous to cover in this letter, but the primary reason for approving HB 187 should be that fur farming is an economic activity. The Department of Environmental Conservation does not and should not have an inherent interest in the economic viability of any industry -- the Department of Natural Resources does, and should.

Respectfully yours,



WILLIAM T. SEE, JR.



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BIL' ANALYSIS

Department Fish and Game	Sponsor (Principal) Ringstad by request	Bill Number HB 187
Department Position  Favor		
Division Director (Acting) Robert A. Hinman	Date 2-22-83	Commissioner's Signature <i>One Allensworth</i> Date 2-22-83

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE		
Comments:		
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SUMMARY	
1. a) Related Bills (Similar or Conflicting) None	1. b) Other Agencies Affected by Bill DEC; DNR; Law
2. a) Organizational Support for Bill Unknown	2. b) Organizational Opposition to Bill Unknown

3. Program Effects of Bill

As presently written, this bill would have two basic thrusts: 1) shifting the responsibility for the fur farming industry from DEC to DNR; and, 2) reducing the amount that a person must pay for a permit to capture fur animals from the wild to maintain them alive for fur farming purposes. The first affects two other agencies and not this Department. The second would reduce insignificantly the amount of monies collected by this Department for deposit in the Fish and Game fund. The legislation would have little, or no, impact on our programs.

4. Fiscal Impact:  None  Fiscal Note Attached

5. Amendments Proposed:

In line 20, we question the addition of the word research rather than "purpose," since this would apply to propogative and educational as well as scientific. For other possible amendments, see comments.

6. Comments:

The Department concurs with the basic thrust of this legislation. Our concern, however, is that this merely scratches the surface of needed legislation to clarify ambiguities existing in present statutes regarding jurisdictional problems on possession, import, export, and sale of fur animals. Reference is made to a legal opinion by the Department of Law, dated October 21, 1982, in which some of these ambiguities are discussed. We strongly recommend that the Department of Law be invited to review this situation and suggest other amendments to address these problems.

CSHB 187 (Res) - REGULATION OF FUR FARMING  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
POSITION PAPER

BEFORE THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 28, 1983

This version of HB 187 is in accord with this department's policy on fur farming as expressed in our March 18 position paper before the House Resources Committee.

Further, the State Veterinarian will be available upon request to assist and advise fur farmers concerning the raising and transporting of animals.

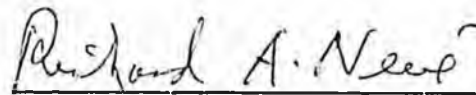
CSHB 187 - REGULATION OF FUR FARMING  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
POSITION PAPER

BEFORE THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
March 18, 1983

In line with my letter to Representative Ringstad of March 14, 1983 regarding this legislation, this department has agreed to a two-year waiver permitting release from inspection and permits for fur farm animals so that the existing requirements pertaining to fur farming can be evaluated with a view toward eliminating nonessential requirements.

The proposed new definition, "fur farming" means the raising and caring of animals for the purpose of marketing their fur, or animals themselves for breeding stock, raises no objections within ADEC.

It should be understood that this waiver is not intended to waive the authority to quarantine should that become necessary to protect the public health.



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Richard A. Neve  
Commissioner

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH D - JUNEAU 99811

March 14, 1983

The Honorable John Ringstad  
State House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ringstad:

Following our conversation of Saturday morning, March 12, 1983 with you and Sharon Barton of the Department of Natural Resources, I propose the following solution to alleviate some of the problems with regard to fur farming. I propose a waiver permitting release from inspection and permits for fur farm animals for the period required to assess the position of fur farming and to agricultural inspection currently existing within the scope of DEC's regulatory authority. All existing regulations pertaining to fur farming will be evaluated with the intention to eliminate non-essential regulations. This waiver will be effective for a period not to exceed two years.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Neve'  
Commissioner

cc: Sharon Barton

Analysis & Summary

CS HB 187

Section 1 The term fur farming is redefined under the regulatory authority of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

Section 2 The statute requiring a \$100 fee for a fish, fur, or game farming license is amended to exclude fur farming. According to the Attorney General's office, in 1974, the \$100 fee was eliminated but the change had never been reflected in the statutes.

Section 3 The Commissioner of Fish & Game retains his authority to issue, without cost, a permit to collect fish and game, including fur animals subject to scientific propagative, or educational purposes that are appropriate.

In Addition, the Commissioner shall make permits available for the collecting of wild fur animals, however, he retains his statutory charge to manage the permitting process in accordance with standard maintained yield practices.

Establishes an annual fee for collecting fur farm animals that will be the same as that paid by an Alaskan resident trapper.

Section 4 The statute requiring an import permit for wild animals is amended to exempt mink and fox when they are imported for fur farming purposes.

Section 5 Provides for an immediate effective date.

Introduced: 2/11/83  
Referred: Resources  
and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RINGSTAD BY REQUEST

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HOUSE BILL NO. 187

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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