

S

B

2

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSB-2  
 Title: Vessel License Exemption  
 Sponsor: Senator Ferouson  
 Requestor: Senator Mulcahv

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: ADF&G  
 Program Category Affected: EPR  
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

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 REDUCTION	-0-	39.6	39.6	39.6	39.6	39.6

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis (Please see reverse side)

Prepared By: Derrill L. Johnson Phone: 465-4081  
 Division: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Date: 3-23-83  
 Approved by Commissioner: John Williams, Chairman Date: 3-23-83  
 Department: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Distribution:

Original to Legislative Finance  
 Copy to Office of Management and Budget (for Legislature introduced bills)  
 Copy to Department (for Governor introduced bills)  
 Copy to Sponsor  
 Copy to Requestor (if different from Sponsor)

ANALYSIS:

The licensing revenue from commercial vessels would be reduced by approximately \$39.6 annually by the bill. It will exempt all vessels used inclusively for the commercial harvesting of salmon in the administrative areas known as Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (A-Y-K).

The number of vessels licensed annually is relatively stable, hence future year fiscal impacts are projected as constant.

# STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

## COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

POUCH KS  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

February 7, 1983

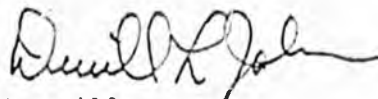
Senator Mulcahy  
State Capitol  
Pouch U (MS3100)  
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: SB-2 Vessels 24' & Under Exempt from Licensing Requirement

Dear Senator Mulcahy:

As per your request I have attached the copies of correspondence outlining the Commission's in-house response to the above referenced bill.

Sincerely,



Derrill L. Johnson  
Director, Admin. and Operations

DLJ:dan  
Attachment

# MEMORANDUM


State of Alaska

TO: John Williams  
Chairman

DATE: January 27, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Derrill L. Johnson   
Director, Administration  
& Operations

SUBJECT: SB-2 Vessels 24' & Under  
Exempt from Licensing  
Requirement

Kurt, Roger, Beth, Larry, Chris and I met to discuss the effects of the passage of the proposed legislation referenced above.

We concluded that if the bill were to pass in its present state, the following concerns would need to be addressed:

1. The majority of the vessels in the herring gill net and salmon hand troll fisheries are 24' and under. This bill would complicate and possibly defeat regulations promulgated by the Board of Fisheries for exclusive registration in the Cape Romanzof and Norton Sound herring gill net fisheries and the troll vessel registration system in Southeast. Both regulations are viewed by the Board as part of the overall management strategies for these respective fisheries.

The total number of vessels falling in the 24' and under category is equal to 45% of the total vessels licensed in the entire fishing fleet statewide. (See memo of January 20, 1982 24' and under exemption.)

2. Vessel licensing is the main criterion establishing vessel ownership for point classification in limited entry schemes. Loss of such information would result in inability to properly rank applicants.

3. Marking requirement regulations for buoys in the small vessel long line, gill net, and herring fisheries would need to be changed.

4. It would make it almost impossible to determine who is sport fishing or commercial fishing in the troll fishery.

5. Research data for historical profiles of vessel activity would be lost. There would be a direct impact on any further modeling for halibut, hand troll (and to some extent power troll),

and herring gill net fisheries because each have a high percentage of vessels 24' and under. Research suggests that these impacts could be minimized by lowering the exempt size to 18' or 20' but there is some concern about the reliability of vessel-length reporting.

If the intent is to remove vessel licensing requirements for salmon set netters, then two suggestions are offered:

1. All vessels used in conjunction with salmon set net operations are exempt from licensing requirements.
2. If the primary concern is for those fishermen using stationary salmon gear in the AYK and Yakutat freshwater river fisheries, then exempt all vessels used in conjunction with stationary salmon gear from commercial licensing requirements.

DLJ/dw

# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: John Williams  
Chairman

DATE: January 20, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Derrill L. Johnson  
Director, Administration & Operations

SUBJECT: 24' and under vessel  
exemption

In answer to your inquiry regarding the number of vessels licensed annually and their length, I have compiled the following:

# of vessels statewide $\leq$ 24 feet	7,573
# of vessels statewide $\geq$ 25 feet	<u>9,061</u>
Total vessels licensed in 1982	<u>16,634</u>

If all vessels 24 feet and under were exempted from state licensing requirements, it would represent 7,573 or 45% of the total fleet. This would mean a loss of \$151,460 ( 7573 X \$20 license fee - 151,460) in license revenues.

If on the other hand you were to exempt only AYK vessels 24 feet or under it would only affect 88% of the total AYK vessels; 12% would still have to license annually.

# of vessels in AYK $\leq$ 24 feet	1,751 X \$20 license fee = \$35,020
# of vessels in AYK $\geq$ 25 feet	<u>231 X \$20 license fee = \$ 4,620</u>
Total AYK vessels	<u>1,982</u>

\* All data compiled from 1982 year-end computer file.

DLJ:nlg

# STATE OF ALASKA

Bill Sheffield, Governor

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

P.O. BOX 3-2000  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802  
PHONE: 465-4100

February 2, 1983

The Honorable Bob Mulcahy  
Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Mulcahy:

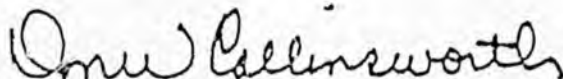
This letter is in response to a telephone inquiry from Troy Henley of your staff requesting the position of the Department of Fish and Game on Senate Bill 2, an act providing for a license exemption for commercial fishing vessels 24 feet or less.

The Department of Fish and Game is opposed to the provision of Senate Bill 2. Many of the State's statutes and regulations governing commercial fishing address licensed vessels as a means of enforcing those regulations and controlling the harvest of our fishery resources. Not requiring all vessels to be licensed could result in a chaotic fishery that would be of no benefit to the State and its fishermen. If it is the intent of the sponsor to eliminate or reduce the fee for licensing of commercial fishing vessels of 24 feet or less, we would propose amending AS 16.05.530 to reduce or eliminate the license fee for vessels 24 feet or less. Whether a fee is charged or the amount is immaterial to the Department of Fish and Game we do need to retain a licensing mechanism for adequate resources management. Our suggested amendment may address the concerns of the sponsor. If not, I am sure other less drastic means can be suggested to address the problem.

You may also wish to contact the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission for its position on this legislation.

Please let us know whenever we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Don W. Collinsworth  
Acting Commissioner

PROPOSED HCS FOR SCS SENATE BILL NO. 2 (Resources)

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "~~An Act providing for a vessel license exemption in certain commercial fisheries.~~"

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

\* Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05.495. VESSEL LICENSE EXEMPTION. A vessel used exclusively for the commercial capture of salmon in the drainage systems of the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers, or at a salmon set net site is exempt from the licensing requirements of AS 16.05.490.

\* Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1984.

JUN 20 RECD

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSB-2  
 Title: Vessel License Exemption  
 Sponsor: Senator Ferguson  
 Requestor: Senator Mulcahy

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: ADF&G  
 Program Category Affected: FRC  
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected:  
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

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 REDUCTION	-0-	83.1	83.1	83.1	83.1	83.1

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

See reverse

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

Prepared By: John Williams Phone: 465-4081  
 Division: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Date: 6/20/83  
 Approved by Commissioner: John Williams Date: 6/20/83  
 Department: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Distribution:

- Original to Legislative Finance
- Copy to Office of Management and Budget (for Legislature introduced bills)
- Copy to Department (for Governor introduced bills)
- Copy to Sponsor
- Copy to Requestor (if different from Sponsor)

ANALYSIS:

The analysis assumes that no adjustment in permit renewal fees charged under AS 16.43.160 is attempted to offset the negative fiscal impact of this legislation.

The licensing revenue from commercial vessels would be reduced by approximately \$79.8 annually by the bill. It will exempt all vessels used inclusively for the commercial harvesting of salmon in the administrative areas known as Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (A-Y-K) and at salmon set net sites in Yakutat, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay.

The number of vessels licensed annually is relatively stable, hence future year fiscal impacts are projected as constant.