

HB

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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: *Regulation, licensing, fee for fur farming*

BILL NAME: *HB 187*

SPONSOR(S): *Ringstad*

RELATED BILLS PENDING:

DATE INTRODUCED: *4-7-83*

REFERRALS: *Resources*

INITIAL RESEARCH:

BILL SUMMARY COMPLETED:

SUMMARY BY LEGAL DIVISION:

SPONSOR CONTACTED FOR
BACKUP MATERIALS:

DEPT. OF LAW SUMMARY:

FISCAL NOTE:

AGENCY RESPONSE:

OTHER INTERESTED SENATORS OR
REPS. NOTIFIED:

BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES:

RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS/GROUPS:

OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PRECEDENTS, REGULATIONS, LAWS:

HEARING PREPARATION:

CHAIRMAN BRIEFED:

DATE AND PLACE SET:

STAFF MEMO TO COMMITTEE:

TELECONFERENCE:

BACKGROUND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

PSA/PRESS RELEASE:

LIST OF WITNESSES:

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTES DRAFTED:

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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.



Richard A. Neve
Commissioner

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Senate

Committee on Resources

MINUTES

Bettye Fahrenkamp
Chairman

April 13, 1983
3:05 p.m.

Beltz Room
Room 211, Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chair
Senator Ziegler, Vice Chair
Senator Sturgulewski

Senator Eliason
Senator Mulcahy
Senator Vic Fischer

CALENDAR

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| SJR 21 | Relating to the use of Lake Grace, an area within the Misty Fjords National Monument, for the generation of hydroelectric power for the Ketchikan area. |
| SB 2 | Providing for a license exemption for commercial fishing vessels 24 feet or less. |
| SB 52 | Relating to the licensing of commercial fishing. |
| HB 187 | Relating to regulation, licensing and fee for fur farming. |
| HB 267 | Relating to herring stripping. |

HB 187

Representative Ringstad reviewed the provisions of the bill: (Sec 1) fur farming is redefined; (Sec 2) eliminates fee; (Sec 3) requires Fish and Game to authorize trapping for breedstock without a permit, and; (Sec 4) streamlines importation regulations and permitting.

In response to a question, Rep. Ringstad stated that federal regulations would still be in effect to control importation of diseased animal.

Bob Hinman, of the Department of Fish and Game, said that the department supports CS HB 187 (Res). They approved of Sec. 3, although it reduces fees, because of the small number issued. In response to a question on Sec. 4, Hinman explained that it ended a conflict between Title 16 and Title 3 over control of import permitting.

Commissioner Richard Neve', Department of Environmental Conservation, submitted a statement in support of the bill and announcing a suspension of regulations to study transfer to DNR of this authority.

Senator Sturgulewski moved that CS HB 187 (Res) be reported out of committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

SJR 21

Senator Ziegler reviewed the history of the proposed hydro site and the purpose of the resolution. In answer to a question about the authority for approval of the development, he said the resolution is addressed to Congress and the President, for approval of the transmission line along with the hydro development.

The US Forest Service submitted a letter stating that administrative authority to accommodate the development was possible. Senator Ziegler moved that SJR 21 be reported out of committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

HB 267

Senator Mulcahy reported on the testimony heard in the Fisheries Subcommittee hearing on HB 267, which supported the extension of the date from July 1, 1982 to July 1, 1986.

Senator Mulcahy moved that HB 267 be reported out of committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

SB 2

Senator Mulcahy moved that a committee substitute for SB 2 be adopted. There was no objection.

Senator Mulcahy said the purpose of the bill is to exempt from licensing the small boat fleet because of the short season for salmon and herring fishing from skiffs. Currently all boats are licensed.

Sgt. Buell Kussall, Department of Public Safety, Fish and Wildlife Protection Division, testified that the department had no problem with the bill.

Senator Mulcahy moved CSSB 2 from committee with individual recommendations. There was no objections.

SB 52

Senator Mulcahy moved the committee substitute for SB 52. There was no objection. Senator Mulcahy referred to the sectional analysis and said the bill is basically technical changes. In response to concerns on residency requirement, Senator Mulcahy said that the requirement could be made to conform to other legislation or court decisions if necessary.

Senator Fahrenkamp agreed that the bill was housekeeping changes.

Senator Mulcahy moved CSSB 169 (Res) from committee with individual recommendations. There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Senate

Committee on Resources

TO: Senate Resources Committee Members

FROM: Senate Resources Committee Staff

RE: Hearing, 4/13/83

DATE: April 12, 1983

The following 3 bills have been heard by the Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries and will be addressed by Senator Mulcahy at the Wednesday hearing:

SB 2 PROVIDING FOR A LICENSE EXEMPTION FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS 24 FEET OR LESS.

The Subcommittee recommends adoption of a Committee Substitute that would exempt all vessels used for the commercial harvesting of salmon in the administrative area know as Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim from the licensing requirement.

SB 52 RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL FISHING.

The Subcommittee recommends adoption of a Committee Substitute that would require that every person engaged in commercial fishing hold a commercial fisheries license which could be purchased either as a crewmember license or as an entry permit. A portion of the fees from this commercial fisheries license would go to the Fisherman's Fund.

HB 267 RELATING TO HERRING STRIPPING.

HB 267 would extend the time that herring stripping (the process by which herring roe is extracted from the carcass) is allowed to take place in the Bering Sea until 1986. The Board of Fisheries does have a regulation in place that will govern carcass disposal in the Bering Sea.

Also scheduled for the Wednesday hearing are:

SJR 21 RELATING TO THE USE OF LAKE GRACE, AN AREA WITHIN THE MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, FOR THE GENERATION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER FOR THE KETCHIKAN AREA.

SJR 21 would urge Congress to adopt legislation either eliminating the Lake Grace area from the Misty Fjords National Monument or permitting the development of the Lake Grace area for its hydro potential.

Lake Grace was determined to be of substantial potential value for a damsite before its designation as part of Misty Fjords National Monument. The nearby community of Ketchikan wishes to pursue its development to meet future power needs.

HB 187 RELATING TO REGULATION, LICENSING AND FEE FOR FUR FARMING.

HB 187 relieves the current permitting burden on fur farmers by eliminating the \$100 fee for a fur farming license, reducing the fee from \$100 to \$3 for collecting animals for fur farming purposes, and eliminating the requirement for a permit for importing and exporting mink and fox for fur farming. In addition, Commissioner Neve of DEC has committed to administrative changes in the current permitting procedures to more accurately reflect the needs of fur farmers and the types of activities they engage in.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 3:00 pm in the Beltz Room. It is hoped that final committee action could be taken on these bills at this time.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

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March 14, 1983

The Honorable John Ringstad
State House of Representatives
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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

No. 1

I. REQUEST

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

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: DEC
 Program Category Affected: Consumer Protect
 BRU, Program or 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)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

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

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 Approved by Commissioner: Richard A. Nove Date: 3/25/83
 Department: Environmental Conservation

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STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

no 21

Bill No: CSHB 187 (Rev) 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: *M. DAMM* Date: 28 March 1983
Department: Natural Resources

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Analysis & Summary

CS HB 187

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

*F&G did issue permits
16.05.340(b)*

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. (currently \$3)

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.

Beth's Floor Statement

pass 6-2-83

CSHB 187 RELATING TO REGULATION, LICENSING, AND FEE FOR FUR FARMING.
SPONSOR: RINGSTAD BY REQUEST.
PASSED OUT OF SENATE RESOURCES 4/13/83. YOU WERE A DO PASS.

THIS BILL MAKES LARGELY TECHNICAL, BUT HELPFUL CHANGES IN THE
REGULATION OF FUR FARMING AND FUR FARMING ACTIVITIES. NAMELY,

- ELIMINATES THE \$100 FEE FOR A FUR FARMING LICENSE
- REDUCES THE FEE FROM \$100 TO \$3 FOR COLLECTING ANIMALS FOR BREEDSTOCK
- STREAMLINES IMPORTATION REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING
- REDEFINES FUR FARMING TO MEAN THE CARING OF ANIMALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARKETING THEIR FUR, OR ANIMALS THEMSELVES FOR BREEDING STOCK

IN ADDITION, COMMISSIONER NEVE OF DEC HAS COMMITTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE
CHANGES IN THE CURRENT PERMITTING PROCEDURES TO MORE ACCURATELY
REFLECT THE NEEDS OF FUR FARMERS AND THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THEY
ENGAGE IN.