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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: *SB 416*

BILL NAME: *CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
OVER GUIDED SPORT FISHING ACTIVITIES.*

SPONSOR(S): *Governor*

RELATED BILLS PENDING:

DATE INTRODUCED: *2-7-84*

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:

Bob Hagland, 349-7464

*wants "establish regulations"
not "establish restrictions"*



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

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February 7, 1984

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Kerttula:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the authority of the Board of Fisheries to regulate sport fish guiding activities. This bill clarifies and makes explicit that authority.

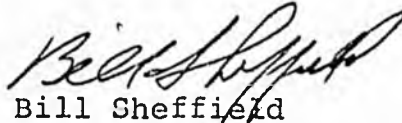
The bill makes two additions to current statutes. First, it adds sport fish guiding activities to AS 16.05.251(a)'s list of subjects appropriate for Board of Fisheries regulation. Second, the bill adds to AS 16.05.940 a definition of "sport fish guiding" similar to the definition of guiding found in AS 08.54.240(2), relating to hunting guides.

The Board of Fisheries would not become a fish guide board under this bill. It would not be authorized to regulate guides in the way that the current Guide Licensing and Control Board governs hunting guides. In other words, the Board of Fisheries would not be burdened with the responsibility of establishing eligibility criteria for guides, assigning guiding areas to particular guides, setting standards of conduct for guides, etc. Rather, the bill would clarify that the Board of Fisheries has the authority to regulate sport fish guiding activities differently from sport fishing. For example, for the Kenai River the Board of Fisheries would be able to authorize sport fishing in particular areas, with particular methods and means and particular bag limits. However, within that same area, additional restrictions could be placed upon sport fish guiding activities, such as a prohibition on such activities on certain days of the week.

In fact, desirability of clarifying the authority of the Board of Fisheries to restrict sport fish guiding activities is amply demonstrated by the current situation on the Kenai River, for which there are over 200 sport fish guides registered. Guided anglers take a disproportionately high percentage of the total catch. In 1982, 21.7 percent of the fishermen on the Kenai River were guided, and they took 47.3 percent of the harvest of king salmon. In 1983, 24.1 percent of anglers were guided, and they took 59.2 percent of the king salmon catch. The assistance of a guide clearly improves fishing effectiveness. In 1982, guided fishermen caught .253 king salmon per user day, compared to .078 for unguided fishermen. In 1983, the efficiency attributable to guides increased, with guided anglers catching .386 fish per user day, and unguided fishermen taking only .084. These statistics demonstrate that the amount of time guides may operate on the river has a major impact on the in-river harvest. As you may recall, a Kenai River Task Force was convened to consider the use conflicts on the river, and its finding substantiated that sport fish guiding activities are one major factor which needs to be addressed.

In light of the current situation on the Kenai River, and the possibility that similar situations exist or may arise in other parts of the state, it is important to give the Board of Fisheries explicit authority to regulate sport fish guiding activities apart from sport fishing. This bill accomplishes that, without converting the Board of Fisheries into a fish guide board.

Sincerely,


Bill Sheffield
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 416
Title: Authority of Board of Fish -
guided sport fishing activities
Sponsor: Governor Sheffield
Requestor: Governor Sheffield
Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
Program Category Affected: NRMEC
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
900 MISCELLANEOUS						
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						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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Approved by Commissioner: Douglas M. Swartz Date: 1-31-84
Agency: Fish and Game

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RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 15, 1984

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senate Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries

SUBJ: SB 416

The subcommittee has taken testimony and reports SB 416 back to the committee as a whole with the following recommendations.

Members

Recommendation

Senator Mulcahy	<u>Bob Mulcahy</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>
Senator Eliason	<u>Eliason</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>
Senator Gilman	<u>Don Gilman</u>	<u>DO PASS</u>