

HOUSE
COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/9/86

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 4-24-86

The FINANCE Committee has considered HB 578

"An Act establishing fish and game resource management regions and regional fish and game advisory councils."

and recommends:

- do pass
- do not pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- no recommendation
- replace with CS HB 578 (Res) same title new title

and recommends No Recommendation

further referral to the _____ Committee

- and attaches:
- letter of intent
 - first fiscal note
 - new fiscal note
 - zero fiscal note 4-8-86 - Same as Ovis (Res) version

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[Signature] (NO PASS)

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[Signature] No Rec.

[Signature] No Rec.

[Signature] No Recommendation

[Signature] No Rec.

[Signature] No Rec.

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Chairman

Offered: 4/9/86
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Wallis

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 578 (Resources) .
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the establishment of fish and
7 game resource management regions and the establish-
8 ment and operation of regional fish and game advisory
9 councils."

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

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14 regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) for the
15 establishment of fish and game resource management regions and the
16 establishment and operation of regional fish and game advisory coun-
17 cils.

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20 Fisheries or the Board of Game chooses not to follow the recommenda-
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22 action and state the reasons for not following the recommendations.

23 (c) Only a local advisory committee member may sit as a member
24 of a regional advisory council.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date : _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 578 (Res)
 Title An Act providing for the es-
tablishment of fish and game re-
source management regions...
 Sponsor: Wallis
 Requestor: House Resources
 Date of Request: April 7, 1986

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Division of Boards

 Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

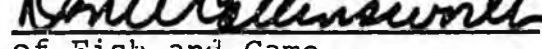
GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: April 3, 1986

Approved by Commissioner: Donnell Beleneworth  Date: 4.8.86
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

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April 23, 1986

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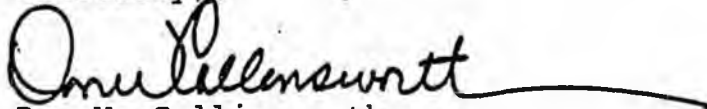
Dear Representative Wallis:

This is in response to your request for our position on HB 578. HB 578 would clarify the Joint Board of Fisheries' and Game's authority to establish Regional Fish and Game Councils. These Councils are required for the state to be in compliance with Sec. 805 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and the board has already adopted regulations establishing six councils (Southeast, Southcentral, Interior, Southwest, Arctic, and Western). This legislation would formalize the state's commitment to the regional council system.

The regional councils consist of the chairpersons of each of the advisory committees within a single region. The Department of Fish and Game currently funds staff support and travel for committees and councils through the Division of Boards.

This bill would clearly provide the authority to establish and operate the regional councils. It would also ensure that the regulations continue to meet the requirements of ANILCA. The boards' current regulations appear to meet all the requirements of HB 578. No fiscal impact is expected.

Sincerely,



Don W. Collinsworth
Commissioner

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Introduced: 2/14/86
Referred: Resources and
Finance

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system of regional fish and game councils is established to provide a

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regional forum for the collection and expression of opinions and

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recommendations on matters relating to fish and wildlife resources, to

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assist the boards in deliberations concerning regulations, and to

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provide for public participation in the regulatory process to help

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adequately protect subsistence uses.

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Sec. 16.05.262. FISH AND GAME RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGIONS. (a)

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For the purposes of conserving and managing the fish and wildlife

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resources of the state, the following resource management regions are

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created:

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(1) Southeast Alaska;

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(2) Southcentral Alaska;

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(3) Southwest Alaska;

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(4) Western Alaska;

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(5) Arctic Alaska; and

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(6) Interior Alaska.

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(b) The Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game, acting joint-

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ly, shall establish the boundaries of the resource management regions,

1 and may establish additional regions after consulting with existing
2 regional councils. Taken together, the regions must include all land
3 in the state.

4 Sec. 16.05.263. REGIONAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COUNCILS. The
5 Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game, acting jointly, shall estab-
6 lish an advisory council for each region established under AS 16.05.-
7 262. A council shall consist of the persons who chair the active
8 advisory committees established in the council's region under
9 AS 16.05.260, or the persons' designees. An advisory council member
10 who is also a member of an advisory committee must be a resident of
11 the council's region.

12 Sec. 16.05.264. POWERS AND DUTIES OF REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS.

13 (a) A regional fish and game advisory council shall

14 (1) hold public meetings on fish and wildlife matters;

15 (2) elect officers;

16 (3) in consultation with the local fish and game advisory
17 committees in its region and with the department, review, evaluate,
18 and make recommendations to a board on existing and proposed regula-
19 tions, policies, and management plans, and other matters relating to
20 the uses of fish and wildlife resources within its region;

21 (4) perform other duties specified by a board; and

22 (5) submit to the boards, the department, and the Secretary
23 of the Interior, by November 15 of each year, an annual report, con-
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25 (A) an identification of current and anticipated
26 subsistence uses of fish stocks and wildlife populations within
27 the region, and other fish and wildlife uses that the council
28 identifies;

29 (B) an evaluation of current and anticipated subsis-

1 tence needs for use of fish and wildlife populations within the
2 region, and of other fish and wildlife needs that the council
3 identifies;

4 (C) a recommended strategy for the management of fish
5 stocks and wildlife populations within the region to accommodate
6 the identified fish and wildlife uses and needs; and

7 (D) recommendations concerning policies, standards,
8 guidelines, and regulations to implement the strategy.

9 (b) A regional fish and game advisory council shall provide a
10 forum for, and assist its local fish and game advisory committees in,
11 obtaining the opinions and recommendations of people interested in
12 fish and wildlife matters to achieve local participation in the deci-
13 sion-making process. If differences of opinion exist among the com-
14 mittees, the council shall attempt to reach a compromise and regional
15 consensus on matters of controversy.

16 (c) A regional fish and game advisory council may present to the
17 appropriate board recommendations concerning the conservation, regu-
18 lation, management, and use of fish and wildlife resources within the
19 council's region, along with the evidence upon which the recommenda-
20 tions are based. The appropriate board shall consider the advice and
21 recommendations of a regional advisory council concerning the taking
22 of fish stocks and wildlife populations in the council's region for
23 subsistence uses.

24 (d) A regional fish and game advisory council may make recommen-
25 dations to the boards on the creation, consolidation, distribution, or
26 operation of the local committee system.

27 Sec. 16.05.265. REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULATIONS. The
28 Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game, acting jointly, may adopt
29 regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) for the

- 1 operation of regional fish and game advisory councils and to implement
- 2 and further the purposes of AS 16.05.261 - 16.05.264.