

SB

75



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Commissioner's Office	BILL NUMBER SB 75	SPONSOR Senator Paul Fischer
DEPARTMENT POSITION Neutral			
PREPARED BY Roland Shanks	DATE 3/6/87	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>Sturm Penney</i>	DATE 3/6/87

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL Department of Revenue	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL Alaska Outdoor Council	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL None known

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED (prepared by Dept. of Revenue)

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The bill would repeal the \$.25 resident sport fishing, hunting and trapping license.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

Should this legislation become law, all sport fishermen, hunters, and trappers would be required to purchase licenses at the full fee cost to legally harvest fish, game, and fur animals. The Department of Revenue has estimated the increase in revenue which would be realized by the Fish and Game Fund on the attached fiscal note.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS.

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB 75

Publish Date: _____

REQUEST _____

Revision Date: _____

Agency Affected: Revenue

Title: An Act Repealing the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping & sport fishing license

BRU: Public Services Division

Sponsor: Fischer

Components: _____

Requestor: Senate Resources

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAVEL	-	3.0	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTUAL	-	6.0	-	-	-	-
SUPPLIES	-	1.0	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAND & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANTS/CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	10.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE Fish & Game Fund	-0-	101.3	200.6	198.6	196.6	194.7
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	10.0	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-0-	10.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
PART-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEMPORARY	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

Prepared by: AGS Phone: 465-2392
Division: Public Services Date: 27 Feb 87

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: Revenue

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management & Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

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State Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jack Coghill, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 75
(repealing the 25-cent resident hunting, trapping,
and sport fishing license)

DATE: January 27, 1988

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill before the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

PAF/sgn

Alaska State Legislature

Senate Resources Committee



Sen. John B. (Jack) Coghill, Chairman
Sen. Paul Fischer, Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lloyd Jones
Sen. Artiss Stungulewski
Sen. Jim Duncan
Sen. Fred Zharoff
Sen. Dick Eliason

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AGENDA

MARCH 9, 1987

SENATE RESOURCES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY: ALASKA LOGGERS ASSN, OVERVIEW
JONES' ACT
SIERRA CLUB V. BLM AMICUS BRIEF
CSSB 62, Recreational Access

III. TODAY'S MEETING

FIRST WE WILL HEAR A BRIEFING FROM THE LIMITED ENTRY COMMISSION
ON ITS DECISION TO LIMIT ENTRY TO THE HERRING ROE ON KELP OR POUNDING
FISHERY
~~INDUSTRY.~~

IV. NEXT WE WILL TAKE UP SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION #4 ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF SAND AND GRAVEL. THIS IS A COUNTERPART TO SB 71 WE PASSED
OUT OF COMMITTEE LAST WEEK.

V. WE HAVE TWO BILLS DEALING WITH HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES.
SB 75 REPEALS THE 25 CENT LICENSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN THEY ARE
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND SB 129 RAISES THE FEES.
LET'S BEGIN WITH SB 75.

Alaska State Legislature

Senate Resources Committee



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COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

MARCH 4-11

- March 4:
- CSSB 62 (C&RA), Access to Recreational Areas
 - CSHB 26 (L&C), Sale of Milk Products
 - SB 130, Supplemental Appropriation to DNR for
Recorders' Offices

 - SB 112, Forest Management Agreements
 - SB 71, Management of Sand and Gravel
 - SJR 11, Repeal of the Jones Act
- March 9:
- Briefing by Limited Entry Commission
 - SB 129, "Sporting Fishing and Hunting License"
 - SB 75, "Repeal of 25¢ Hunting & Fishing License"
 - SCR 4, "Management of Sand and Gravel"
- March 11:
- Alaska Loggers Assn. Overview
 - CSSB 62. Recreat Access
 - SJR 11 Jones Act
 - SR 11 Sierra Club v. BLM

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 2-24 5-DAY NOTICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER: FINANCE

**FISCAL NOTE(S) ATTACHED **
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035
(see below)

1/20/87 DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE _____
Mr. President:

RESOURCES _____ Committee considered _____ SB 75

repealing the 25-cent resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license.

and recommended:

- replace with CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) and new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to _____
- letter of intent adopted and attached

** Committee attached or adopted fiscal note(s)
 zero fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

Arthur J. ...
...
Dan ...

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

John ... - NO REC
...
Do Not Pass

...
amend to pass

...
Do Pass
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB 75
Publish Date: _____

REQUEST
Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act repealing the 25-cent
resident hunting, trapping...licenses.."
Sponsor: Sen. Fischer
Requestor: Senate Resources

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: Fish and Wildlife Protection
Components: Enforcement

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

JNR
1/29/87

Prepared by: Kyle Weaver
Division: Fish and Wildlife Protection

Phone: 269-5539
Date: 1/26/87

Approved by Commissioner: William R. Nix
Agency: Public Safety

Date: 1/26/87

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)
 - Senate Secretary

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB 75

Publish Date: _____

REQUEST
Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act Repealing the 25% resident
hunting, trapping & sport fishing license
Sponsor: Fischer
Requestor: Senate Resources

Agency Affected: Revenue
BRU: Public Services, Division
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAVEL	-	3.0	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTUAL	-	6.0	-	-	-	-
SUPPLIES	-	1.0	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAND & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANTS/CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	10.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE Fish & Game Fund	-0-	101.3	200.6	198.6	196.6	194.7
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	10.0	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-0-	10.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
PART-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEMPORARY	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

Prepared by: Sally Smith Phone: 465-2392
Division: Public Services Date: Feb 2, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 2/4/87
Agency: Revenue

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management & Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

SB 75 Analysis

This bill would repeal the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping and sport fishing license.

Proposed Amendment: Fish and Game Licenses are sold on a calendar year basis. Therefore, both the Expenditure and Revenue estimates are based on an effective date of January 1, 1988. If this effective date is not included in the bill, additional expenses would be incurred to reprint and redistribute licenses in the middle of a licensing year; to inform License Officers of the change; and to reprogram the 1987 Fish and Game License computer files.

Estimated Expenditures are based on the following:

<u>200 - Travel</u>		\$ 3,000.00
License Officer training sessions will be scheduled in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Wasilla/ Palmer, Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan.		
<u>300 - Contractual</u>		6,000.00
Printing	\$ 2,850.00	
Postage	2,150.00	
Advertising	<u>1,000.00</u>	
These costs are for printing and mailing notifications of the repeal of the 25¢ license to License Officers; and for updating, reprinting and distributing the License Officer Instruction Manual.		
<u>400 - Supplies</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>
Covers for Manuals	\$ 800.00	
Envelopes	200.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

SB 75 Analysis

Estimated Revenues accruing to the Fish and Game Fund are based on the assumption that each licensee currently purchasing a 25¢ license would purchase a license at full cost. Estimated license sales are based on the percentage of each type of resident license class sold in FY 86. An estimated decrease in sales of 1% per year has been assumed based on FY 86 actual sales.

<u>Resident License Type</u>	<u># Sold</u> <u>FY86</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Estimate of Additional Revenue</u>		
			<u>Add'l Sold</u> <u>FY87</u>	<u>Sport Fish</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Game</u> <u>Fund</u>
Fish	107,793	57%	8,140	\$31,400	
Hunt	26,044	14%	1,999		23,988
Hunt/Trap	2,014	1%	143		3,146
Fish/Hunt	42,948	23%	3,285	32,850	39,420
Fish/Hunt/Trap	8,566	4%	571	5,710	12,562
Trap	1,478	1%	143		1,430
Duck Stamps *	N/A	N/A	2,999		14,995
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>188,843</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>17,280</u>	<u>\$119,960</u>	<u>\$95,541</u>
Less 5% vendor commission				(5,998)	(4,777)
Additional Accrual to Fish and Game Fund FY 87 Estimate **				<u>\$113,962</u>	<u>\$90,764</u>

* It is assumed that 50% of hunters would purchase an Alaska Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

** Revenue for FY88 is figured at 1/2 FY total per recommended effective date of 1/1/88.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: PUBLIC SAFETY
 Title: "An Act repealing the 25 cent BRU: Fish & Wildlife Protection
resident hunting, trapping..license.
 Sponsor: Senator Fischer Components: Enforcement
 Requestor: Senate Resources

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

JNE
2/2/88

Prepared by: Captain Conrad Seibel, Operations Commander Phone: 269-5509
 Division: Fish & Wildlife Protection Date: 1-28-88

Approved by Commissioner: Don H. Anderson Date: 2-2-88
 Agency: PUBLIC SAFETY

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: 1/25/88
Title: An Act Repealing the 25¢ resident hunting, trapping & sport fishing lices
Sponsor: Fischer
Requestor: Senate Resources

Agency Affected: Department of Revenue
BRU: Income and Excise Audit

Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAVEL	3.0	-	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTUAL	16.8	-	-	-	-	-
SUPPLIES	1.0	-	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
LANDS & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING	20.8	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	101.3	200.6	198.6	196.6	194.7	-0-

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TEMPORARY	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS: See attached.

Prepared By: Steven E. Kettel *Steven E. Kettel*
Division: Income and Excise Audit

Phone: 465-2320
Date: 1/25/88

Approved by Commissioner: *J. Moore*
Agency: _____

Date: 1/26/88

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

Prepared by: Steven E. Kettel
Department of Revenue
Income and Excise Audit Division
January 25, 1988

Estimated Expenditures are based on the following:

200 - Travel \$ 3,000.00

License Officer training sessions
will be scheduled in Anchorage,
Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Wasilla/
Palmer, Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan.

300 - Contractual \$ 16,775.00

Vendor Comm. \$10,775.00
Printing \$2,850.00
Postage 2,150.00
Advertising 1,000.00

These costs are for printing and
mailing notifications of the repeal
of the 25¢ license to License
Officers; and for updating, reprinting
and distributing the License Officer
Instruction Manual.

400 - Supplies \$ 1,000.00

Covers for Manuals \$ 800.00
Envelopes 200.00

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TO: RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: COMMITTEE STAFF
RE: SB 75 "An Act repealing the 25 cent hunting, fishing
and trapping license"
DATE: MARCH 9, 1987

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1. STATEMENT AND POSITION OF SPONSOR
2. POSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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4. FISCAL NOTE FROM DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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State Senate

March 9, 1987

To: Senator Jack Coghill, Chairman
& Members of the Senate Resources

From: Senator Paul Fischer *PAF*

Subject: SB 75, Repealing the 25 cent Hunting, Fishing &
Trapping License

SB 75 proposes to do away with the 25 cent hunting and fishing license for low income users. This bill recognizes the fact that much of rural Alaska and subsistence lifestyles are adequately protected under other laws and that urban Alaskans are the ones taking advantage of the 25 cent license.

This bill is a revenue generator. It assumes that fish and game resources are important enough to current 25 cent license holders that they will indeed buy a regular price license. It is hard to conceive of many Alaskans who truly cannot afford \$10 or \$12 for the annual privilege of enjoying one of our most valued resources. The 25 cent license is being abused by many people for whom it was not intended, mostly urban residents.

This bill will also simplify Fish & Game laws and thus, some savings should be realized that are not easily identified.

Your favorable consideration is appreciated.

BILL NO: SB 75

DATE: 1/26/87

TITLE: "An Act repealing the 25-cent
resident hunting, trapping
and sport fishing licenses."

CONTACT: Capt. James Nutgrass
Acting Director

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POSTOFFICE

The Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection maintains a neutral position on this legislation.

The passage of this bill will not materially alter any of the operations of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection. It could have a more direct effect on the bush areas where a more true subsistence life style exists.

This bill could generate more revenue through the elimination of the \$.25 license by requiring all individuals to purchase a full priced licence. This in effect should reduce the number of individuals who purchase \$.25 licenses, when in fact they do not qualify for this type of license as provided by statute. Another effect will be that more people will probably hunt, fish and trap without a license. In some situations, buying a full license for all members in a family over 16 could get expensive.


WILLIAM R. NIX
Acting Commissioner



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March 6, 1987

Honorable John B. Coghill
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator Coghill:

Please accept the following comments as official testimony of the collective Alaskan membership of the National Rifle Association of America regarding SB 129, an act relating to increasing the license fees for sport fishing, hunting and trapping.

As you are aware, the vast majority of the 22,000 NRA members in Alaska are hunters. A significant number are competitive shooters and all members are recreational shooters. Indeed the number of recreational shooters increases each year in Alaska as safe facilities are constructed, both indoor and outdoor ranges. With this introduction, I would like to explain the Association's position on SB 129. First, as sportmen NRA members have always supported the professional and scientific management of our fish and game resources. We also support hunter education programs and the development of safe shooting facilities to instruct young or new hunters and shooters. Unfortunately, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are sponsoring this tax increase bill without ever once contacting any of our membership to explain what programs will benefit from this tax increase. It seems reasonable that if we are being asked to pay more for the privilege of hunting that we should know how the opportunities to hunt and to have safe places to shoot are going to be increased. The beauracracy of the Fish and Game Department almost borders on arrogance in the manner that they have methodically ignored sport hunters and shooters in the past four years and now they are asking the tax payers to buy a 'pig-in-a poke!

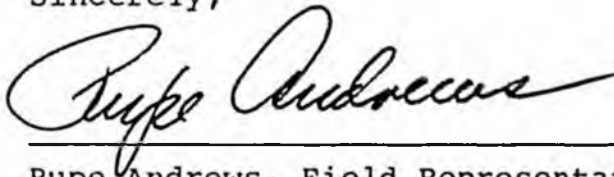
March 6, 1987

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The NRA membership in Alaska would like to support SB 129 but until the Department of Fish and Game comes forward with specific details of how this increase in funds is going directly benefit the consumptive users as the primary beneficiaries of the increase then we stand opposed to SB 129. Hunters are essentially sick and tired with the way they have been treated in recent years. Recreational shooters are also very concerned that the Department has ignored their needs as well.

Thank you for letting me comment on this important piece of legislation. If I can be of any further assistance please advise. My duties will take me out of town when this bill is before your committee next week. I will be available for oral testimony after March 18th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rupe Andrews". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rupe Andrews, Field Representative



ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL, INC.

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March 7, 1987

Honorable Jack Coghill
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee
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Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Senator Coghill:

I would like to submit this letter as official testimony on behalf of the Alaska Outdoor Council regarding Senate Bill 129.

For the record, the Alaska Outdoor Council is a federation of 45 Alaskan sportsmen and outdoor organizations with a membership of over 10,000. We would request that this testimony be entered on behalf of our statewide membership.

Sportsmen have consistently supported fish and wildlife conservation programs throughout Alaska and the rest of the country through voluntary personally imposed taxes and fees. Alaskan sportsmen have also been strong supporters of professional fish and wildlife management within the State. This commitment is similarly directed at assuring proper funding of our fish and wildlife management programs. There is little doubt that a close examination of our hunting and fishing fees within Alaska will demonstrate that the cost of participating is still one of the best buys in the country.

Unfortunately, the sportsmen of Alaska are concerned with the present proposal. Our concerns are summarized below:

1. There has been no effort on the part of the Administration to clearly establish why the funds are needed and where the dollars will be spent. No effort has been made to inform the public of the background supporting this legislation.
2. Contacts with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game indicate that additional fee increases are being contemplated for non-residents, resident tag fees and other licenses. We are concerned that the whole issue of management funding is being pieced together rather than being submitted as a comprehensive funding package.
3. Inconsistent enforcement policies are causing the funding load for Alaska's fish and wildlife management to be carried by the remaining honest citizens.

4. The Boards of Fish and Game have not implemented the new State subsistence law which could, unless fairly implemented, require the more urban sportsmen to carry a greater financial share of the management program while at the same time enjoying greatly reduced opportunities.

5. These fee increases are being heaped on the user public at the same time that they are faced with endless proposals to increase taxes and other fees to carry a greatly bloated government.

6. Past practices of the Alaska Fish and Game Department to tap license monies to pay marginally justified programs for non-targeted Divisions has eroded the fish and wildlife users faith in the Department's ability to equitably and honestly distribute increased license revenues.

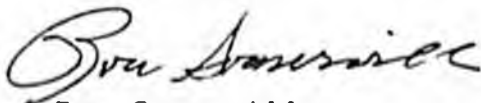
7. The general sportsmen's trust and faith in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has severely eroded during the past four years with increased hostilities between user groups, losses of State's Rights to manage our fish and wildlife resources and decreased user opportunities--despite the fact that many fish and wildlife populations have been near historic highs.

8. Why are only the recreational fees being targeted? Other sources of revenue should also be considered, such as eliminating the 25 cent license fee, increasing commercial fishing licenses, non-consumptive user fees to help fund non-game programs, and greater enforcement of present license requirements.

Because of these concerns the Alaska Outdoor Council is withholding support of this legislation until the Alaska Department of Fish and Game adequately addresses the above concerns and there are built in guarantees that additional license fees will not be utilized to finance programs which provide no identifiable benefits to Alaskan sportsmen.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this legislation.

Sincerely,



Ron Somerville
Executive Director



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March 7, 1987

Honorable Jack Coghill
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Senator Coghill:

I would like to submit this letter as official testimony on behalf of the Alaska Outdoor Council regarding Senate Bill 75.

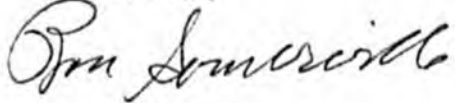
For the record, the Alaska Outdoor Council is a federation of 45 Alaskan sportsmen and outdoor organizations with a membership of over 10,000. We would request that this testimony be entered on behalf of our statewide membership.

We have reviewed SB 75 as part of our analysis of the State's funding proposals for fish and wildlife programs. In our opinion, the 25 cent license has long since outlived its usefulness. Numerous examples abound where the present low income license law is being misused and abused. In addition, recent reports indicate that portions of rural Alaska are not purchasing licenses of any kind and the 25 cent license is being heavily utilized by urban residents--many of whom are recent arrivals to Alaska. A calculation of eligible recipients within Alaska by comparing agency records indicate that at least 40% of the 25 cent license recipients were ineligible. The adoption of no fee subsistence permits also obviates whatever need existed for 25 cent licenses for subsistence fishing.

We are not opposed to the State providing no-cost or lowered cost hunting and fishing licenses for those individuals who are long time residents of Alaska and who are truly dependent on fish and wildlife resources. We would prefer that a totally welfare oriented program however be subsidized directly by the Department of Health and Social Services rather than at the expense of the management programs. We are also opposed to subsidizing new residents to the State who are located in the major metropolitan areas (over 30% issued in Fairbanks and Anchorage alone) and have access to other State aid programs. Subsidizing these individuals through this process means less revenue for critical fish and wildlife programs and encourages low cost competition for some limited resources. The Department of Revenue has projected that passage of SB 75 will increase license revenue by \$200,000 annually.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to present our testimony and we hope this legislation will eventually be placed into law. We are fully supportive of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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January 27, 1988

Senator Paul Fischer
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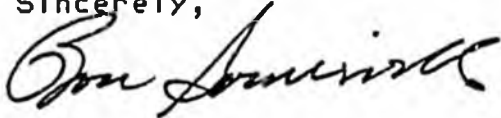
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Certainly, in this day and age when the State is providing a \$700 - \$800 dividend for every man, woman and child, it is not

unreasonable to ask that we all purchase a resident hunting and fishing license when we are of age.

We appreciate your efforts on this legislation and we will assist in working for passage of SB 75.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Somerville".

Ron Somerville
Executive Director