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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: April 15, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/3/94

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 230

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

VESSEL FEES

"An Act relating to fees for commercial fishing licenses and permits."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

be replaced with CS HB 230 (FIN)  the same title  
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Dept/Date)

fiscal impact (F+G Commercial Fisheries)  fiscal note(s) Entry Commission

zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Ed Meehan</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mark G. Hendley</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ronald J. Huff</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Terry Martin</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sam Huff</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Paul Starnell</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sam Borawski</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ben Sussman</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>John Kennis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>I support those who want to pay their own way!</i>					
<i>Mike Spawne</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

*Ronald J. Huff Ed Meehan*  
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS HB 230(RES)

Revision Date: 2/1/94 Department Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title: An act relating to fees for a commercial fishing vessel license BRU: Commercial Fisheries (Limited) Entry Commission  
 Sponsor: Representative Moses Component: Limited Entry Program Administration  
 Requestor: Representative Moses COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0471

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES	16.6					
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )	871.5	871.5	871.5	871.5	871.5	871.5
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	16.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY(\$)) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	1					

**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)** CFEC has simplified and automated the licensing process in response to continuing budget reductions and staff losses over the past several years. The current \$20 per vessel fee is automatically applied with minimal staff resources. The fiscal note is necessitated by the change in the licensing system which will require development of new annual licensing forms, collection and verification of data, response to public inquiry, and reprogramming of data processing. The existing skeletal staff will need to be supplemented for the first year until the new system becomes established. (See attachments)

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 Agency: Commercial Fisheries (Limited) Entry Commission Date: 2/1/94

Approved by Commissioner:   
 Agency: Commercial Fisheries (Limited) Entry Commission Date: 2/1/94

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**CSHB 230 (RES)  
COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL AND LICENSE FEES**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT**

The goal of Committee Substitute House Bill 230 (RES) is to provide a more equitable distribution of the commercial fishing vessel fee. The fee is currently at \$20 per vessel per year and has been at that level for many years. This flat fee does not distinguish among vessel sizes and a large floater-processor capable of harvesting tons of Alaska fishery product pays the same as a small day boat.

CSHB 230 (RES) would change the vessel license fee to a sliding scale fee based on the length of the vessel. The fee would more clearly reflect the impact on the fishery by vessel size. It is only fair that this fee be based on a vessel's ability to benefit from the harvest of the public's resources.

Based on 1993 data, this change would generate about \$870,000 to the state -- significantly above the \$325,000 collected in that year. This would generate more than \$500,000 additional in revenue to the state by the Alaska commercial fishing industry.

As you all know, the state's fisheries management programs over the past few years have been losing ground to budget reductions and inflation. The increasing complexity of fisheries management demands that we devote more to the protection and enhancement of this valuable resource. We have a billion dollar fishing industry employing thousands of Alaskans and we need to do all we can to maximize the benefits. For that reason, my legislation includes intent language that the additional funds generated by this legislation be used to beef up fisheries management and development programs. I know we can't dedicate these funds, but I would not submit this legislation if I did not fully believe that those funds would go toward these purposes.

CSHB 230 (RES) is supported by the United Fishermen of Alaska whose members are willing to support fee increases to provide additional resources for fishery management programs.



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April 7, 1993

The Honorable Carl Moses, Chair  
and Members of the House Special  
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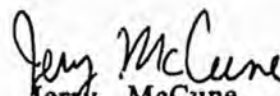
Dear Representative Moses and Committee Members:

United Fishermen of Alaska supports Committee Substitute for House Bill 230. We think the scale is fair.

United Fishermen of Alaska wholeheartedly agrees with the intent of the bill that these new proposed vessel fees, which go to the State of Alaska, will be earmarked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's budget.

Be assured that United Fishermen of Alaska continues to believe that the commercial fishing industry is paying its way and, therefore, these monies collected belong to the ADF&G budget. If our industry is bringing in money from fisheries, than we definitely feel the monies received should be put back into fisheries and not into some other budgetary fund. We need to reinvest in the future fisheries for the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry McCune  
President

cc: UFA Board of Directors

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Area K Selmers Association  
Bering Sea Fishermen's Association • Bristol Bay Driftnetters Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association  
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Peninsula Marketing Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Seafood Producers Cooperative  
Southeast Alaska Selmers Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • Western Alaska Cooperative Marketing Association