

HB

140

(9)

Date Referred: March 12, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/26/93

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

HB 140

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

FEEES FOR NONRESIDENT KING SALMON TAG

"An Act relating to the king salmon tag fee."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____

CSHB140 (FSH)

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 _____

fiscal note(s) Fish & Game 3/12/93

zero fiscal note _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

CSHB140(FSH) "An Act relating to the king salmon tag fee."

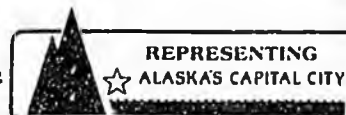
This bill was introduced to address concerns raised by individuals in our tourism/sport fish industry. In short, the current flat fee of \$20.00 (imposed on all nonresidents) is very likely to discourage sport fish participation among short-time tourists (those with a one to three day turnaround). A response of this nature is likely to have a very detrimental impact on our resident sport-guide businesses and local economies.

Fortunately, there is a very simple solution to this problem- institute a graduated fees schedule. CSHB140(FSH) would repeal the flat \$20.00 rate, while imposing a fee that increases (\$10, \$15 and \$30) with the validation period (one , three, 14 day or annual tag).

Furthermore, a graduated rate schedule not only addresses the adverse economic implications of a flat rate system, it also insures that fees are commensurate with resource impacts. The longer a nonresident participates in our fishery resource, the higher their fee will become.

The Department of Fish & Game has worked closely with the sponsor on this legislation, and supports its passage.

CSHB140(FSH) carries a positive fiscal note of \$70.6 in FY94 (81.6 additional revenues, less 10.9 in administrative costs).



CSHB140(FSH)

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1: intent language was included to underscore the purpose of this legislation and the tag fee program. King salmon tag fees should be appropriated to support only king salmon sport fishing research, management, and enhancement projects.

SECTION 2: amends current law by requiring residents to purchase a tag only for anadromous king salmon.

SECTION 3: amends current law by:

a. requiring nonresidents to purchase a tag only for anadromous king salmon;

b. establishes a graduated fee schedule for nonresidents (\$10, 15 & 30) based on validation period (1,3, & 14 day / annual period);

c. exempts nonresidents, under the age of 16, from tag requirement;

d. leaves in place a flat rate tag fee (\$20) for military personnel and dependents.

SECTION 4: technical amendment, clarifying that the king salmon tag, similar to all other fishing licenses & tags, expires December 31 following issuance.

SECTION 5: this act takes effect January 1, 1994.

AMENDMENTS TO HB140 IN HOUSE (FSH) COMMITTEE:

The amendments below were either proposed by the Department of Fish & Game (see Position Paper, dated 2/19/93) or by the House Special Committee on Fisheries. All were adopted, and are contained in CSHB140 (FSH):

1. adopted an effective date of January 1, 1994;
2. distinguish between "anadromous" and land-locked king salmon;
3. technical amendment- to leave king salmon tag fee at \$20 for military and dependents, this fee would have to be separated from nonresident annual fee rate (which is \$30. under this bill);
4. treat nonresident youths (under the age of 16) similar to resident youths by excluding both groups from the necessity of purchasing a tag;
5. establish a \$10 fee (HB140 proposed \$5) for the nonresident 1 day tag.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 140 (FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/12/93

Referred: Resources, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, Phillips

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the anadromous .. salmon tag; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the proceeds from the sale of
5 resident and nonresident anadromous king salmon tags be appropriated for king salmon sport
6 fishing research, management, and enhancement projects.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

8 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag:0

9 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without
10 having a valid anadromous [THE CURRENT YEAR'S] king salmon tag in the
11 resident's actual possession, unless that person

12 (A) qualifies for a 25 cent license fee under (1) of this
13 subsection;

14 (B) is under the age of 16;

1 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident of the
2 state for at least one year;

3 (D) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under
4 AS 16.05.341; or

5 (E) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(a)(24) is amended to read:

7 (24) Nonresident anadromous king salmon tag -- valid for the period
8 inscribed on the tag

9 (A) for a one-day tag \$10

10 (B) for a three-day tag 15

11 (C) for a 14-day or annual tag 30 [\$20].

12 A nonresident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without
13 having a valid anadromous [THE CURRENT YEAR'S] king salmon tag in the
14 person's actual possession, unless that person is under the age of 16. However,
15 members of the military service on active duty who are permanently stationed in
16 the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as residents under
17 AS 16.05.940, may obtain an annual nonresident military anadromous king
18 salmon tag for \$20.

19 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.350 is amended to read:

20 Sec 16.05.350. EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND TAGS. Licenses and tags
21 required under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430, except biennial licenses, the nonresident
22 special sport fishing license, the resident trapping license, the one, three, or 14-day
23 nonresident anadromous king salmon tag, and the waterfowl conservation tag, expire
24 at the close of December 31 following issuance. Biennial licenses expire after
25 December 31 of the year following the year of issuance. The resident trapping license
26 expires at the close of September 30 of the year following the year in which the
27 license is issued. The waterfowl conservation tag expires at the close of January 31
28 of the year following the year of issue of the tag.

29 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 1994.

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 140(FSH)
 (H) Publish Date: 3/12/93

STATE OF ALASKA
 1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Fish and Game

Title: An Act relating to the king salmon tag fee. BRU: Sport Fish Administration and Support

Component: Sport Fisheries, Administrative Services

Sponsor: Representative Hudson

Requestor: House Special Committee on Fisheries

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 484, 479

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE 1024	81.6	81.9	82.2	82.5	82.7	82.8
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other: 1024	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
TOTAL	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
see attached

Prepared By: Rocky Holmes Phone: 465-6187

Division: Division of Sport Fish Date: 2/22/93

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]

Agency: Department of Fish and Game Date: 2/22/93

PREDICTED SALES OF KING SALMON TAGS

	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
N-R. ANNUAL SP	6,827	6,857	6,881	6,900	6,918	6,932
N-R. 14-DAY SP	22,966	23,065	23,147	23,211	23,270	23,320
N-R. 3-DAY SP	16,027	16,097	16,153	16,198	16,240	16,274
N-R. 1-DAY SP	13,986	14,047	14,096	14,135	14,171	14,201
N-R. SP/HUNT	365	367	368	369	370	371
N-R MILITARY SP	2,237	2,247	2,255	2,261	2,267	2,272

STATUS QUO KING SALMON TAG COSTS

	KS TAG	PREDICTED REVENUE					
		FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
COST							
N-R. ANNUAL SP	\$20	136,542	137,134	137,618	137,999	138,351	138,644
N-R. 14-DAY SP	\$20	459,319	461,309	462,938	464,220	465,405	466,392
N-R. 3-DAY SP	\$20	320,544	321,933	323,069	323,965	324,791	325,480
N-R. 1-DAY SP	\$20	279,720	280,932	281,924	282,705	283,426	284,027
N-R. SP/HUNT	\$20	7,308	7,340	7,366	7,386	7,405	7,421
N-R MILITARY SP	\$20	44,744	44,938	45,096	45,221	45,337	45,433

TOTAL \$1,248,177 \$1,253,585 \$1,258,010 \$1,261,496 \$1,264,715 \$1,267,396

HB 140 - WITH THE COST OF A 1-DAY LICENSE INCREASED TO \$10

	KS TAG	PREDICTED REVENUE					
		FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
COST							
N-R. ANNUAL SP	\$30	204,813	205,700	206,427	206,999	207,527	207,967
N-R. 14-DAY SP	\$30	688,979	691,964	694,406	696,331	698,107	699,587
N-R. 3-DAY SP	\$15	240,408	241,450	242,302	242,973	243,593	244,110
N-R. 1-DAY SP	\$10	139,860	140,466	140,962	141,352	141,713	142,014
N-R. SP/HUNT	\$30	10,962	11,009	11,048	11,079	11,107	11,131
N-R MILITARY SP	\$20	44,744	44,938	45,096	45,221	45,337	45,433

TOTAL \$1,329,766 \$1,335,527 \$1,340,241 \$1,343,955 \$1,347,385 \$1,350,241

NET REVENUE \$81,589 \$81,942 \$82,231 \$82,459 \$82,670 \$82,845

Handwritten notes: 40.1, 193, 83

HB 140A (1-Day license increased to \$10)

Fiscal Note Analysis:

Expenditures included in this bill are for the additional cost of printing, distributing, and accounting for individually numbered nonresident king salmon tags. Tags will be individually numbered in order to prevent the possibility of illegal reuse of short term tags, and to facilitate accurate accounting of the number of tags sold by vendors. These costs include: \$1.4 in personal services for a non-permanent position (range 8) for 1 month to assist in mailouts of supplies and in data entry of stamps issued, sold, and returned (an estimated 120,000 tags will be sold in FY94); and 9.4 in contractual for the additional cost of printing individually numbered tags.

The enclosed table lists the assumptions used to estimate the effect of this bill on revenue. Part one of the table lists the predicted number of king salmon tags that will be sold by each class of nonresident license. Projected sales were estimated based on past increases in license sales, and it was assumed that 35% of all nonresident license holders would buy a king salmon tag. The second part of the table lists the projected king salmon tag revenue based on the current cost of a nonresident tag (\$20). The third part of the table lists the projected revenue based on the king salmon tag fees proposed in HB 140A. The net effect of the bill would be to increase revenue to the Fish and Game fund by about \$81.6 in FY94.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
POSITION PAPER

Bill No: HB 140
Sponsor: Representative Hudson
Division: Sport Fish
Bill Title: "An act relating to the king salmon tag fee."
Department Position: Support

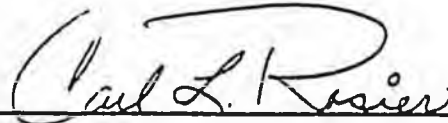
The King Salmon Tag is an important new user-pay funding source for the Department of Fish and Game. HB 140 would modify the fee structure for nonresident king salmon tags as well as provide legislative intent that the revenues be dedicated to king salmon sport fishing research, management, and enhancement projects. The department supports the legislative intent.

The effect of HB 140 on total revenue from sales of the tag is essentially neutral. However, there could be a shift on the pattern of sales between short-term and longer-term licenses.

The department strongly recommends that a new king salmon fee structure not go into effect until January 1, 1994. The \$20 nonresident stamps have already been distributed to the vendors and are on sale now. In addition, we believe that by the time the bill becomes law, an RFP for printing the new nonresident stamps is completed, and the new stamps are distributed to vendors, most of the 1993 fishing season for king salmon will have occurred. We believe that the cost and confusion that will result because of a 1993 effective date are not justifiable.

The department would also like the bill to be modified to require that the king salmon stamp be purchased only by people fishing for anadromous king salmon. This will exempt people who fish for pan-size king salmon in landlocked stocked lakes. We recommend this change because the landlocked lakes king salmon stocking program usually occurs in urban areas and is intended to benefit children and lower income fishermen, and because small king salmon in landlocked systems are difficult to distinguish from other salmon species.

Commissioner's Signature



Date: 2/19/93

(F+G submitted)

Potential Amendments To HB 140

1. Effective date January 1, 1994
2. Page 1, line 12 insert the word "anadromous" before king salmon.
3. *Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:
 - (23) Resident king salmon \$10
 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without having a valid [THE CURRENT YEAR'S] king salmon tag in the resident's actual possession, unless that person
 - (A) qualifies for the 25 cent license fee under (1) of this subsection:
 - (B) etc
3. Page 1, line 12 add:
 - (D) nonresident ²⁴ military king salmon tag . . \$20



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Date: March 23, 1993

Subject: House Bill 140

To: Alaska House Resources Committee


Dear Sirs:

As a cruise ship operator selling fishing excursions in Ketchikan during the summer tourist season, we urge the passage of this bill in support of the local fishing industry.

In our opinion the bill, if passed, would increase the appeal and sales of sportfishing tours, and also increase the sales of processed fish (being traded by visiting sportfishers) during the tourist season, thus providing a positive effect on both the sport and commercial fishing industry and the fish processing industry in your community.

We thank you for your anticipated support of this important bill when the opportunity arises.

Sincerely,


Bruce Good
Director, Cruise Product