

HB

140

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Date: March 23, 1993

Subject: House Bill 140

To: Alaska House Resource Committee

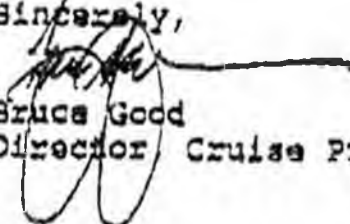
Dear Sirs:

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

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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March 24, 1993

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TO: HOUSE RESOURCE COMMITTEE

FROM: MARGE HANGER, OWNER, KETCHIKAN SPORTFISHING

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL NO. 140, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KING SALMON TAG FEE.

NUMBER OF PAGE INCLUDING THIS ONE: 2

MESSAGE: AS FOLLOWS

To Whom it May Concern:

Ketchikan Sportfishing supports House Bill No. 140 to reduce the King salmon tag fee for non residents fishing for a limited time.

In 1992 the State of Alaska sold 205,941 non resident sport fishing licenses. 48,221 were sold as one day non resident licenses. 51,257 were sold as three day non resident licenses. The number of one and three day non resident licenses combined almost total 100,00 licenses. Almost half of the State of Alaska non resident sportfishing licenses sold were for three days or less.

The majority of tourists who come to Southeast Alaska are Cruise Ship passengers who spend less than a day in each port and less than two weeks total in Alaska. To charge these and other tourists the same fee to fish for King salmon for one or two days that is being charged to non residents to fish for King salmon the entire season is unfair.

We are not against fishery enhancement, we believe that enhancement has already improved fisheries in our area as well as other areas. We strongly feel that all who partake of the harvest should accept the responsibility that comes with the privilege. We must protect, enhance and maintain our public resource. Those who harvest the most should take greater responsibility than those who harvest the least.

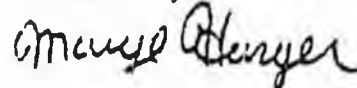
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Last year Ketchikan Sportfishing alone sent over seven thousand Cruise Ship passengers fishing for one day. Many of those people did not catch a King salmon. On a four hour charter one in four persons will return to shore with a King salmon during peak season.

We strongly feel that a \$20.00 flat fee for retention tags will drastically reduce our sales during King season which is half of our operating season. It is unfair and unconstitutional to demand that those who harvest the least pay the most simply because they represent greater numbers and therefore greater revenues.

We do not wish to give the impression that because of our limited population base and lower tax revenues that we are making an Alaskan habit of taxing, regulating and MILKING our tourist. Milk cows eventually dry up especially when over milked. The State of Alaska fishery resource does not solely belong to Alaskan residents it belongs to all Americans everywhere. We hope that all concerned will be treated equally and receive equal privileges as well as assuming equal and fair responsibility in harvesting a public resource.

Sincerely



Marge Hanger

Owner



To: Sen L.J.O. From: Sen L.J.O.
 Subject: Relaxed testimony Co.: S RES
 Dept.: _____ Phone #: _____

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE RESOURCES committee name
 committed on HB 140 (LOWER FEES FOR TAGS) NON RESIDENT KINGS, dated 4-19-93
 bill/subject

I OWN AND OPERATE NOAH'S ALASKAN FISHING, A SMALL TACKLE SHOP IN STERLING ALASKA, I HAVE QUITE A NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS THAT COME TO MY SHOP WITH THE INTENT TO BOOK A HALF DAY FISHING TRIP WITH ONE OF THE FISHING GUIDES THAT I ACT AS BOOKING AGENT FOR. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE EITHER HERE WITH THE INTENT TO SIGHTSEE & DIDNT THINK THEY WOULD GO FISHING OR THEY CAME HERE TO FISH ON THEIR OWN FROM THE BANK & AFTER FISHING FOR A WEEK. HAVE NOT CAUGHT MANY OR ANY FISH & AS A LAST RESORT ARE GOING TO HIRE A GUIDE. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE SCRIMPED & SAVERD TO GET TO ALASKA AT ALL & THE \$125.00 PER PERSON TO GO WITH A GUIDE IS REALLY PUSHING THE BUDGET. NEXT I HAVE TO INFORM THEM THAT IN ADDITION THEY WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00 ON TOP TO BUY KING TAGS PER PERSON, THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE PEOPLE WITH MONEY WHO ARE HERE FISHING KINGS FOR 5 DAYS... BUT THE GUYS THAT HAVE

Signed: L. Lawrence R. Davis
 Testifier
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- ONLY 1/2 DAY TO KING FISH, MOST WILL NOT GO. FOR A FAMILY OF 3 IT WOULD COST \$375.00 (GUIDE) \$60.00 (KING TAG) \$30.00 (1 DAY LICENSE)
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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

Carl L. Resier

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 ^{EN} military king salmon tag . . \$20

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 140(FSS)
 (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. 468, 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	81.8	81.9	82.2	82.5	82.7	82.9
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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: 465-5187

Division: Division of Sport Fish Date: 3/22/93

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]

Agency: Department of Fish and Game Date: 3/22/93

PREDICTED SALES OF KING SALMON TAGS

	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
H-R. ANNUAL SF	6,827	6,857	6,881	6,900	6,910	6,932
H-R. 14-DAY SF	22,965	23,065	23,147	23,211	23,270	23,320
H-R. 3-DAY SF	16,027	16,097	16,153	16,198	16,240	16,274
H-R. 1-DAY SF	13,986	14,047	14,096	14,135	14,171	14,201
H-R. SF/HUNT	365	367	360	369	370	371
H-R MILITARY SF	2,237	2,247	2,235	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							
H-R. ANNUAL SF	\$20	136,542	137,134	137,618	137,999	138,351	138,644
H-R. 14-DAY SF	\$20	459,319	461,309	462,938	464,220	465,405	466,392
H-R. 3-DAY SF	\$20	320,344	321,933	323,069	323,965	324,791	325,480
H-R. 1-DAY SF	\$20	279,720	280,932	281,924	282,705	283,426	284,027
H-R. SF/HUNT	\$20	7,308	7,340	7,366	7,386	7,405	7,421
H-R MILITARY SF	\$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

HIB 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							
H-R. ANNUAL SF	\$30	204,813	205,700	206,427	206,999	207,527	207,967
H-R. 14-DAY SF	\$30	688,979	691,964	694,406	696,331	698,107	699,587
H-R. 3-DAY SF	\$15	240,408	241,430	242,302	242,973	243,593	244,110
H-R. 1-DAY SF	\$10	139,860	140,466	140,962	141,352	141,713	142,014
H-R. SF/HUNT	\$30	10,962	11,009	11,048	11,079	11,107	11,131
H-R MILITARY SF	\$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

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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.

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. established a \$10 fee (HB140 proposed \$5) for the nonresident 1 day tag.
6. title change: add word Anadromous and the language and providing for an effective date.

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.



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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 rate 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).

REPRESENTING

SPONSOR STATEMENT