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141

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
 1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: Terms of Fish and Game Board members BRU: Boards of Fisheries and Game
 Component: Board Services
 Sponsor: Rep. Austerman
 Requester: House Fisheries COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 482

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY95) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME					
PART-TIME					
TEMPORARY					

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 5/12/95
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 5.15.95
 Agency: _____

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Fisheries

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Boards and Commissions Office

Membership Roster

(037) FISHERIES

Member	Appointed	Reappointed	Term Exp.
Trefon Angasan Public Bristol Bay Native Corporation P.O. Box 100220 Anchorage, AK 99510 Work Phone - (907) 278-3602 FAX - (907) 276-3924	01/31/92	02/09/95	01/31/98
Dick H. Bower, Sr. Public P.O. Box 3662 Soldotna, AK 99669 Home Phone - (907) 262-7132 FAX - (907) 262-7132	02/04/94		01/31/97
Larry Edfelt Public 1212 Pike Court Juneau, AK 99801 Home Phone - (907) 780-4780 FAX - (907) 463-3475	07/23/91	01/31/93	01/31/96
Larry J. Engel Public -- Vice-Chair P.O. Box 197 Palmer, AK 99645 Home Phone - (907) 745-4132	02/04/94		01/3 7
Dick Jacobsen Public P.O. Box 54 Sand Point, AK 99661 Home Phone - (907) 383-2042 FAX - (907) 383-5370	01/31/93		01/31/96
Frank Rue Commissioner/Fish and Game/ex officio secretary Acting Commissioner Department of Fish & Game P.O. Box 25526 Juneau, AK 99802-5526 Work Phone - (907) 465-4100	01/13/95		
Virgil L. Umphenour PUBLIC 2400 Davis Road Fairbanks, AK 99701 Work Phone - (907) 456-3885 FAX - (907) 456-3889	07/22/94		01/31/96
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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/28/95

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 5-6-95

Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 141(FSH)

"An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Fisheries."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SEN CS ^{for} CS HB 141 (RES)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical change
- new: SCR* _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
		<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		
		<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		
		<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓				

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

AMENDMENT #2

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: CSHB 141(FSH)

- 1 Page 1, line 14:
- 2 Delete "a vacancy"
- 3 Insert "the vacancy that will arise"

- 4 Page 2, line 1:
- 5 Delete "other than by the expiration of a term"

AMENDMENT # 1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 141(FSH)

1 Page 1, line 11:

2 Delete "and until a successor is appointed and the successor's term begins"



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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March 24, 1995

The Honorable Alan Austerman
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 434
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Representative Austerman:

UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA SUPPORTS CS HB 141.

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As you know, CS HB 141 was one of the recommendations made by the Governor's Fisheries Transition Team which was comprised of sport fish, charter, sport guide, subsistence, and commercial users.

United Fishermen of Alaska is requesting your support of CS HB 141.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
Jerry McCune
President

cc: UFA Board of Directors

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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United Commercial Crab Association



Cordova District Fishermen United

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March 22, 1995

House of Representatives
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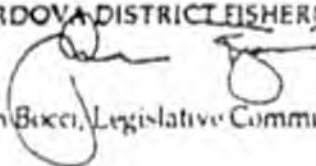
Dear Legislator:

On behalf of Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU), I am pleased to support House Bill 141 - *An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Fisheries*. CDFU is a basic supporter of the lay Board of Fish process as it exists today. We do not believe that the Board of Fish requires extensive modifying - as some other bills in the legislature seek to do. On the contrary, we believe the process requires only some comparably minor periodic adjustments to meet changing resource management needs.

HB141 presents the opportunity to make some of those adjustments. In fact, HB141 will make some adjustments we've been seeking for years such as requiring confirmation before participation.

We urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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cc: Full House of Representatives
Senator Georgianna Lincoln

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April 18, 1995

Senator Loren Leman, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Leman and Committee Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our support for House Bill 141. This bill seeks to change the dates that Board of Fish appointments and terms would begin.

In the last few years, we have watched two Board of Fish members serve part of their terms, voting on hundreds of fisheries proposals, only to be removed from the Board for failure to receive legislative confirmation. This is extremely disruptive and needs to be changed.

The Governor's Transition Team on Fisheries, representing a very broad and diverse group of Alaskans, recognized this problem with our current process and recommended that it be changed. We believe House Bill 141 is the solution to this problem. This bill would help to de-politicize the confirmation process by holding confirmation hearings prior to the appointee making any Board decisions. We feel such a change would be extremely beneficial.

We urge you to support HB 141. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Norosz".

Kris Norosz
Executive Director

cc: Senators Taylor, Duncan, and Zharoff



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

CSHB 141

CS House Bill 141 shifts the appointment and term dates of the Board of Fish members in an effort to depoliticize the confirmation process. The appointment date is moved closer to the confirmation date to help ensure that appointees are confirmed by the legislature prior to having participated at a Board of Fish meeting. Accordingly, the term date is moved from January 31 to July 1st. With CSHB 141, legislators will confirm an appointee based on qualifications, not voting record.

There are instances where changing the term cycle, as in CSHB 141, will not insulate Board of Fish appointees from the confirmation process: where a vacancy occurs before a term expires or the legislature has not confirmed an appointee of the Governor. In these cases, the Governor makes a new appointment within 30 days and those individuals serve on the board until possible confirmation during the next legislative session.

The transition to the new term cycle is addressed in Section 3 of CSHB 141. As presently written, CSHB 141 will extend the terms (to 3 years 5 months) of whichever members are appointed after January 1, 1995. Mr. Utermohle, our drafting attorney, advised against shortening the terms to 2 years, 5 months in this transitory period.



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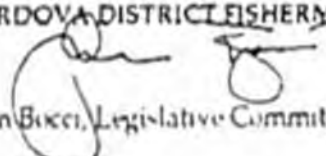
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