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HB 206 – Fish & game clean-up bill

In Summary, CSHB 206 is a general housekeeping bill for the dept. of Fish and Game.

Specifically, CSHB 206(Fin):

- changes "waterfowl" to "migratory game bird" Sec 1, 2, 7, 8, 18, 19
- allows disabled vets and \$5 license holders to register in the national migratory bird harvest program by 1 of 2 methods Sec 3
- creates a new combination 7 day nonresident hunting/fishing license Sec 4
- sets fees for special nonresident military small game license Sec 5
- allows Yukon residents to obtain sport fish license and king salmon tag at Alaska resident rate, which provision will require reciprocity by Yukon Territory before taking effect Sec 6, 20, 21
- replaces a requirement to swear oaths when obtaining licenses with a notice regarding unsworn falsification Sec 9, 10
- adds "registration" in several instances to conform with change in section 3 Sec 11-16
- authorizes Fish and Game to issue replacement licenses to crew members for a \$5 fee Sec 17



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Sectional Analysis of CSHB 206(FIN)

Section 1 changes the name of the *waterfowl conservation tag* to *migratory game bird conservation tag* to conform to section 3 of the bill.

Section 2 changes *waterfowl conservation tag* wherever it appears in AS 16.05.130(b) to *migratory game bird conservation tag* to conform to section 3 of the bill.

Section 3 changes the *waterfowl conservation tag* to the *migratory game bird conservation tag*. This extends the tag requirement to snipe hunters and crane hunters in Alaska. This will enable the department to gather harvest information on all migratory game birds. Proof of registration in the migratory game bird harvest information program is added as an alternative to possession of the migratory game bird conservation tag when hunting migratory game birds. The \$5 fee for registration in the migratory bird harvest information is waived for disabled veterans and for persons qualifying for the \$5 hunting license.

Section 4 establishes a combination nonresident seven-day sport fishing and annual hunting license. Combination licenses are popular with individuals who plan to both hunt and fish while in Alaska. The fee for the combination license is the same as that for separate hunting and fishing licenses.

Section 5 sets the fee for special nonresident military small game hunting licenses at the lower of the rates paid by residents for general hunting licenses or the rate paid by nonresidents for small game hunting and fishing licenses. Currently nonresident military pay \$25 for small game hunting licenses and nonresidents pay \$20. There is no resident small game hunting license. Resident hunting licenses cost \$25 and enable residents to hunt both small and big game. Nonresident military will continue to be able to purchase resident sport fishing licenses at \$15, instead of the \$100 nonresidents pay.

Section 6 authorizes residents of the Yukon Territory, Canada to purchase Alaska resident annual sport fishing license and king salmon tag.

Section 7 substitutes *migratory game bird* for *waterfowl* in the list of licenses and tags that may have a different expiration date than December 31. Adds migratory bird harvest information program registration to this list.

Section 8 substitutes *migratory game bird* for *waterfowl* in the statute that specifies the expiration date of the tag. Adds migratory bird harvest information program registration to this list.

Section 9 authorizes the commissioner to issue a registration and designate the form of that registration. This section also removes the requirement that each applicant for a registration, hunting, or fishing license swear under oath before a notary as to his or her residency and citizenship. Substitutes the requirement that each license or registration application contain a notice that a false statement or material omission by the applicant when applying for a hunting or fishing license is a violation of the law.

Section 10 adds registrations to the list of items that the commissioner may appoint agents to issue. This section also removes the provision that each person authorized to sell registrations, hunting, and fishing licenses administer oaths on applications for licenses, permits, and tags.

Section 11 entitles vendors who sell registrations to receive compensation from the department.

Section 12 requires vendors who sell registrations to transmit the proceeds, except that amount they are authorized to retain, to the department.

Section 13 adds registrations to the list of items for which a vendor may receive additional compensation.

Section 14 states that a state employee is not entitled to compensation for selling registrations.

Section 15 requires that the proceeds and reports of vendor sales of registrations be transmitted to the department by the last day of the month following the month in which the registrations were sold.

Section 16 makes a false statement or omission of material fact on the application for a registration a violation of law and voids the registration. A person who knowingly provides false information is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Otherwise, the fine is not more than \$300. This section also prohibits the alteration of a registration or its use by another person than the one to whom the registration was issued.

Section 17 authorizes the issuance of a duplicate commercial crewmember license and charges \$5 for this service.

Section 18 changes *waterfowl* to *migratory game bird* in AS 16.05.826(a), which authorizes the production and sale of stamps and limited edition prints, to conform to similar changes elsewhere in the bill.

Section 19 substitutes *migratory game bird* for *waterfowl* in AS 16.05.826(b). This statute authorizes the department to provide a means for the selection of a design for an annual migratory game bird conservation tag.

Section 20 requires the commissioner of fish and game to inform the revisor of statutes when residents of Alaska are allowed to sport fish in the Yukon Territory of Canada at the same cost as Yukon residents.

Section 21 makes the effective date of section 6, which allows Yukon residents to purchase sport fishing licenses and king salmon tags at the same rates as Alaska residents, after the Yukon Territory, Canada provides reciprocal sport fishing benefits for Alaskan residents.

Sport Fishing License Sales to Yukon Territory Residents

Fishing Licenses Sold in 1999							
Class	Number of Licenses Sold	Fee for License	Total License Revenue	Number of King Salmon Stamps Sold*	Fee for King Salmon Stamp	Total King Salmon Stamp Revenue	Total Revenue
07	206	\$100.00	\$20,600.00	103	\$100.00	\$10,300.00	\$30,900.00
09	1	\$100.00 **	\$100.00	1	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
6A	16	\$50.00	\$800.00	8	\$50.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
6B	655	\$20.00	\$13,100.00	328	\$20.00	\$6,550.00	\$19,650.00
6C	567	\$10.00	\$5,670.00	284	\$10.00	\$2,835.00	\$8,505.00
6D	144	\$30.00	\$4,320.00	72	\$30.00	\$2,160.00	\$6,480.00
Total	1589		\$44,590.00	795		\$22,295.00	\$66,885.00
Fishing Licenses Sold in 1997							
Class	Number of Licenses Sold	Fee for License	Total License Revenue	Number of King Salmon Stamps Sold*	Fee for King Salmon Stamp	Total King Salmon Stamp Revenue	Total Revenue
07	500	\$50.00	\$25,000.00	250	\$35.00	\$8,750.00	\$33,750.00
6A	100	\$30.00	\$3,000.00	50	\$35.00	\$1,750.00	\$4,750.00
6B	915	\$15.00	\$13,725.00	458	\$15.00	\$6,862.50	\$20,587.50
6C	546	\$10.00	\$5,460.00	273	\$10.00	\$2,730.00	\$8,190.00
	2061		\$47,185.00			\$20,092.50	\$67,277.50
Fishing Revenues of CSHB 206							
Class	Number of Licenses Sold	Fee for License	Total License Revenue	Number of King Salmon Stamps Sold*	Fee for King Salmon Stamp	Total King Salmon Stamp Revenue	Total Revenue
01	2061	\$15.00	\$30,915.00	1031	\$10.00	\$10,305.00	\$41,220.00
Total	2061		\$30,915.00			\$10,305.00	\$41,220.00
*King Salmon Stamp sales are not tracked by licensee. The Department is assuming that 50% of the licensees are purchasing a king salmon stamp.							
**Sport fishing portion of license is \$100.00. Total license cost includes hunting license of \$85.00 for a total license cost of \$185.00							

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