

**HB**

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
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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

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. CSHB 206(Fin)**

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Fish and Game  
 Title FISH AND GAME LICENSES & TAGS BRU Administration  
 Component Administration  
 Sponsor Representative Harris  
 Requester House Finance Component No. 479

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>		<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1024 Fish and Game Fund		<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached spreadsheet detailing revenues received of license sales to Yukon Territory residents in 1999, 1997 (before nonresident sport fishing license fee increase), and projected revenue if Yukon Territory residents receive a resident sport fishing license.

**Assumption:** The number of licenses sold will revert back to 1997 sales figures.

**Fish and Game Fund:** Based on numbers of licenses and tags projected to be sold at the resident rate, a \$25.7 decrease in revenues is anticipated.

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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.i30(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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1589</b>		<b>\$44,590.00</b>	<b>795</b>		<b>\$22,295.00</b>	<b>\$66,885.00</b>
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
	<b>2061</b>		<b>\$47,185.00</b>			<b>\$20,092.50</b>	<b>\$67,277.50</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2061</b>		<b>\$30,915.00</b>			<b>\$10,305.00</b>	<b>\$41,220.00</b>
*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							

MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game



## Migratory Bird Hunters "Get HIP"

If you hunt ducks, geese, brant, swans, coots, gallinules, woodcock, rails, snipe, sandhill cranes, doves or band-tailed pigeons in the United States, you are now required to participate in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program ("HIP").

### What is HIP?

HIP is a new method by which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), and other state agencies are developing more reliable estimates of the number of migratory birds harvested throughout the country. These estimates will give biologists the information they need to make sound decisions concerning hunting seasons, bag limits, and population management.

### How does HIP work?

HIP is based on a voluntary survey of selected migratory bird hunters in the United States. In simplest terms, the Service randomly selects a sample of hunters and asks them to provide information on the kind and number of migratory birds they harvest during the hunting season. This information is then used to develop reliable estimates of the total harvest of all migratory birds in each state and throughout the country.

### What does HIP require of hunters?

First, to comply with HIP, all migratory bird hunters must identify themselves by providing their name, address, and date of birth at the time you purchase your license and Alaska State Duck Stamp – something most hunters do already. Starting in 1998, Alaska hunters can buy a duck stamp and enroll in HIP either at the usual license vendor locations, or by calling 1-800-WETLAND toll-free and using a credit card. Some hunters are exempt from state stamp and HIP enrollment requirements: (1) hunters who hunt *only snipe or sandhill cranes*; (2) hunters under age 16 or over age 59; and (3) hunters that qualify for low-income or disabled veteran licenses. Those hunters can voluntarily enroll in HIP by buying a state duck stamp.

Second, you must have proof of your participation in HIP with you whenever you hunt migratory birds. In Alaska, this will be either your State Duck Stamp or a unique telephone registration number. You will *not* have to carry any special forms or permits for HIP enrollment, nor will there be any additional licensing cost to hunters.

When you sign up in HIP, you will be asked to voluntarily answer several questions about your hunting experience during *last year's season* (see example form, below). Your answers to these questions are *not* used to compile harvest estimates, but are simply used to *identify how actively you hunt various kinds of birds*. This allows the harvest survey to be directed to appropriate samples of hunters. For example, questions about sea duck harvest would be asked of hunters who hunted sea ducks last year.

PLEASE FILL IN APPROPRIATE CIRCLES COMPLETELY USING A BLACK INK PEN. Indicate which birds you hunted and the number you bagged (shot and retrieved) *during last season*.

If your name is one of the few selected for the national harvest survey, you'll be asked by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to voluntarily complete a more detailed survey about your harvest during *this year's* hunting season. You will receive a hunting record form and will be asked to write down the number of migratory birds taken on each hunt. This is the information used to estimate harvests.

You will be given an addressed, postage-paid envelope to return your hunting form at the end of the season. Responses from hunters

Did you hunt?	Bagged: None	1-10	More than 10
<input type="radio"/> Ducks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Geese	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Brant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Sea ducks	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Snipe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Cranes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**EXAMPLE**

who choose to participate will be kept strictly confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. As soon as the survey is completed, the Service will destroy all hunter names and address records. Harvest data from the follow-up survey are compiled at regional, state and national levels and published. Basically, that's all that HIP involves.

## ***Don't we already have migratory bird surveys?***

The Service has conducted waterfowl harvest surveys since 1952, and ADFG has intermittently conducted a mail survey since 1976. These surveys provide some of the information currently used to set waterfowl hunting regulations. Although this information has been very useful, there are problems with the techniques, which must be corrected to improve the scope and quality of the information.

Previous federal waterfowl surveys were based on a sample of hunters who bought federal duck stamps at Post Offices. In addition to questions about the harvest of ducks, geese, and swans, the survey also included questions about non-waterfowl migratory birds. However, there are about two million people who hunt *only* non-waterfowl species such as doves and snipe. Because they are not required to buy federal stamps, these hunters were never included in the harvest survey. Information from the waterfowl harvest survey has been useful but not very accurate in the past. Now we need to improve on accuracy of harvest estimates and include *all* migratory bird hunters to meet the management challenges of the next century.

## ***What about state surveys?***

Responsible migratory bird management often requires determining harvest estimates for varying geographical areas, including flyway, regional, and species-specific management units. Many individual states conduct their own migratory bird harvest surveys, but because they use differing methods for conducting the survey, results are simply not comparable among states. In addition, some states conduct surveys every year, other states only every few years; still others do not conduct surveys at all. Several groups of experts have tried to overcome the problems associated with making state surveys compatible – so that they could be combined into a national survey – but they finally agreed that the idea was not feasible. A national harvest survey that provides reliable harvest estimates at the state, flyway, and management unit level was judged to be the best approach to ensure the proper management of migratory bird resources. 1998 is the last year of a phase-in, when Alaska and all other states will be using HIP.

## ***What do hunters gain from HIP?***

Hunters were concerned about wildlife conservation long before it was trendy to do so. They have a long history of taxing themselves, paying license fees, and buying stamps to ensure the health and vigor of both hunted and non-hunted wildlife populations alike. HIP is just another page in that history. It is simply good conservation. Lonnie



Williamson, professional conservationist and writer for Outdoor Life and American Hunter magazines has this to say about HIP: "There is no question that the new harvest survey program is absolutely essential, not only to conserve the migratory bird resource, but also to answer future challenges to hunting programs. It will take hunters only few moments to give wildlife managers the information they need. Those few moments could make a world of difference for the future of migratory bird hunting."

As the concern for migratory bird populations and their habitats continue to mount, it is essential to gather the best information possible about the factors affecting these populations. It is in the hunter's best interest to have wildlife management decisions based on scientific evidence, not on opinions, philosophies, or politics. The Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program, through the cooperation of hunters, will provide wildlife biologists with much of the facts they need to ensure that our migratory bird resources – and hunting traditions – will be around for future generations to enjoy.

## **Summary**

- ◆ Migratory bird hunters collect not only game birds for the freezer, but also valuable harvest data that we can use both for long-term conservation of bird populations, and to protect hunting traditions.
- ◆ Hunters in Alaska will begin participating in HIP in 1998. Hunters can enroll in HIP either at the usual vendor locations or by toll-free phone call to 1-800-WETLAND (with a credit card).
- ◆ HIP registration will add only 1 minute or less to the purchase of a state duck stamp under the current system. Telephone registration will take about 7 minutes.
- ◆ Proof of enrollment will be either a state duck stamp or telephone registration number. There are no additional license fees.
- ◆ Hunters' names and other information will be kept strictly confidential and destroyed after the survey.

If you would like more information please contact ADFG at 1-800-478-7468, (907) 267-2205, or (907) 267-2206.

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Federal Communications Commission,  
Magalie Roman Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 20

RIN 1018-AE96

#### Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program; Participating States for the 1998-99 Season

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) herein proposes to amend the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (Program) regulations. The Service plans to require all States except Hawaii to participate in the Program annually, beginning with the 1998-99 hunting season. This regulatory action will continue to require all licensed hunters who hunt migratory game birds in participating States to register as migratory game bird hunters and provide their name, address, and date of birth to the State licensing authority. Hunters will be required to have evidence of current participation in the Program on their person while hunting migratory game birds in participating States. The quality and extent of information about harvests of migratory game birds must be improved in order to better manage these populations. Hunters' names and addresses are necessary to provide a sample frame for voluntary hunter surveys to improve harvest estimates for all migratory game birds. States will gather migratory bird hunters' names and addresses and the

Service will conduct the harvest surveys.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule will end on July 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management (MBMO), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10815 Loblolly Pine Drive, Laurel, MD 20708-4028. The public may inspect comments during normal business hours in Building 158, 10815 Loblolly Pine Drive (Gate 4, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center), Laurel, MD 20708.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul I. Padding, MBMO, (301)497-5980.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this rule is to expand the Program to include all States except Hawaii, beginning in the 1998-99 hunting season.

#### Background

The purpose of this cooperative Program is to annually obtain a nationwide sample frame of migratory bird hunters, from which representative samples of hunters will be selected and asked to participate in voluntary harvest surveys. State wildlife agencies will provide the sample frame by annually collecting the name, address, and date of birth of each licensed migratory bird hunter in the State. To reduce survey costs and to identify hunters who hunt less commonly-hunted species, States will also request that each migratory bird hunter answer a series of questions to provide a brief summary of his or her migratory bird hunting activity for the previous year. States are required to ask each licensed migratory bird hunter approximately how many ducks (0, 1-10, or more than 10), geese (0, 1-10, or more than 10), doves (0, 1-30, or more than 30), and woodcock (0, 1-30, or more than 30) he or she bagged the previous year, and whether he or she hunted coots, snipe, rails, and/or gallinules the previous year. States that have band-tailed pigeon hunting seasons are also required to ask migratory bird hunters whether they intend to hunt band-tailed pigeons during the current year. States are not required to ask questions about species that are not hunted in the State (for example, Maine does not allow dove hunting, therefore, the State of Maine is not required to ask migratory bird hunters how many doves they bagged the previous year). States will send this information to the Service, and the Service will sample hunters and conduct national hunter activity and harvest surveys.

A notice of intent to establish the Program was published on June 24,

1991 (56 FR 28812). A final rule establishing the Program and initiating a 2-year pilot phase in three volunteer States (California, Missouri, and South Dakota) was published on March 19, 1993 (58 FR 15093). The pilot phase was completed following the 1993-94 migratory bird hunting seasons in California, Missouri, and South Dakota. A State/Federal technical group was formed to evaluate Program requirements, the different approaches used by the pilot States, and the Service's survey procedures during the pilot phase. Changes incorporated into the Program as a result of the technical group's evaluation were specified in an October 21, 1994 final rule (59 FR 53334), that initiated the implementation phase of the Program. Implementation of the Program began with the addition of one State in 1994, three States in 1995 (60 FR 43318), seven States in 1996 (61 FR 46350), and five States in 1997 (62 FR 45706). Final implementation of the Program will be accomplished with the addition of 27 States (all except Hawaii) in this proposed rule.

Currently, all licensed hunters who hunt migratory game birds in participating States are required to have a Program validation, indicating that they have identified themselves as migratory bird hunters and have provided the required information to the State wildlife agency. Hunters must provide the required information to each State in which they hunt migratory birds. Validations are printed on, written on, or attached to the annual State hunting license or on a State-specific supplementary permit. The State may charge hunters a handling fee to compensate hunting-license agents and to cover the State's administrative costs. The Service's survey design calls for hunting-record forms to be distributed to hunters selected for the survey before they forget the details of their hunts. Because of this design requirement, States have only a short time to obtain hunter names and addresses from license vendors and to provide those names and addresses to the Service. Currently, participating States must send the required information to the Service within 30 calendar days of issuance of the migratory bird hunting authorization.

The Service has requested the cooperation of participating States to facilitate obtaining harvest estimates for hunters who are exempted from a permit requirement and those that are also exempted from State licensing requirements. This includes several categories of hunters such as junior hunters, senior hunters, landowners,

**List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20**

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and Recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Service proposes to amend 50 CFR part 20 as set forth below.

**PART 20—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 703-711, 16 U.S.C. 712, and 16 U.S.C. 742 a-j.

2. Amend § 20.20 by revising paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) to read as follows:

**§ 20.20 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program.**

(a) Information collection requirements. The collections of information contained in § 20.20 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1018-0015. The information will be used to provide a sampling frame for the national Migratory Bird Harvest Survey. Response is required from licensed hunters to obtain the benefit of hunting migratory game birds. Public reporting burden for this information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response for 3,300,000 respondents, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Thus the total annual reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection is estimated to be 112,000 hours. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, ms-224 ARLSQ, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240, or the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1018-0015, Washington, DC 20503. (b) General provisions. Each person hunting migratory game birds in any State except Hawaii must have identified himself or herself as a migratory bird hunter and given his or her name, address, and date of birth to the respective State hunting licensing authority and must have on his or her person evidence, provided by that State, of compliance with this requirement.

(e) State responsibilities. The State hunting licensing authority will ask

each licensed migratory bird hunter in the respective State to report approximately how many ducks, geese, doves, and woodcock he or she bagged the previous year, whether he or she hunted coots, snipe, rails, and/or gallinules the previous year, and, in States that have band-tailed pigeon hunting seasons, whether he or she intends to hunt band-tailed pigeons during the current year.

Dated: April 7, 1998.

Donald J. Barry,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 648**

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**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Dealer Reporting Requirements**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes to amend the regulations which require dealers of summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, Atlantic sea scallops, Northeast (NE) multispecies, Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish to report their fish purchases to NMFS. This action would improve weekly monitoring of landings, by species, by requiring dealers to use a call-in Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to report their purchases to NMFS. The rule would also modify the schedule for the submission by federally permitted dealers of comprehensive written reports. Reporting requirements for party and charter vessels holding a federal summer flounder or scup permit, other than a moratorium permit, would be modified to make them consistent with reporting requirements in other fisheries.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed rule or proposed IVR system should be sent to Andrew A. Rosenberg, Ph.D., Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive,

Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope, "Comments on Proposed Rule for Dealer Reporting."

Comments on the burden hour estimates for collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule should be sent to Andrew A. Rosenberg, Ph.D., and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: NOAA Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelley McGrath, (978) 281-9307 or Gregory Power, (978) 281-9304.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Regulations implementing the fishery management plans for the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, Atlantic sea scallops, NE multispecies, and Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish fisheries are found at 50 CFR part 648. These fishery management plans were prepared under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. All dealers of summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, Atlantic sea scallops, NE multispecies, Atlantic mackerel, *Illex* or *Lolligo* squid or butterfish must have been issued and have in their possession a Federal dealer permit in order to purchase such species from fishing vessels. All dealers issued a Federal dealer permit are required to submit weekly reports of all fish purchases to the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator). To make it easier for federally permitted dealers to comply with weekly reporting requirements and to improve the monitoring of commercial landings, NMFS proposes to modify the dealer reporting requirements.

Several species are now being managed using domestic annual harvest limits, such as annual or seasonal quotas and target or actual total allowable catch (TAC) limits. For example, summer flounder and scup are managed through annual commercial quotas, while the regulated NE multispecies are managed through annual target TACs. Regulated multispecies are defined as a subset of the NE multispecies that includes cod, haddock, pollock, redfish, white hake, yellowtail flounder, witch flounder, windowpane flounder, winter flounder, and American plaice. In order to manage these fisheries effectively, accurate and timely monitoring of landings is required. For the purposes of this proposed rule, species managed by quotas or TACs are referred to as "quota-managed species."

5) Scolopacidae (woodcock and pe).

A list of migratory birds protected by International conventions and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act appears in § 13.13 subchapter.

b) *Open season* means the days on which migratory game birds may lawfully be taken. Each period prescribed as an open season shall be construed to include the first and last days thereof.

2) *Closed season* means the days on which migratory game birds shall not be taken.

3) *Bag limits*—(1) *Aggregate bag limit* means a condition of taking in which two or more usually similar species may be bagged (reduced to possession) by the hunter in predetermined or predetermined quantities to satisfy a maximum take limit.

2) *Daily bag limit* means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during an open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

3) *Aggregate daily bag limit* means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or more than one species for which a daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit shall not exceed the greatest daily bag limit prescribed for one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

4) *Possession limit* means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

5) *Aggregate possession limit* means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species taken in the United States permitted to be possessed by

any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed. The aggregate possession limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the species or specified geographic areas in which taking and possession occurs.

(d) *Personal abode* means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

(e) *Migratory bird preservation facility* means:

(1) Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or

(2) Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or

(3) Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations; receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

(f) *Paraplegic* means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

[53 FR 24250, June 28, 1988]

### Subpart C—Taking

#### § 20.20 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program.

(a) *Information collection requirements.* The collections of information contained in § 20.20 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1018-0015. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The information will be used to provide a sampling frame for the national Migratory Bird Harvest Survey. Response is required from licensed hunters to obtain the benefit of hunt-

ing migratory game birds. Public reporting burden for this information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response for 3,300,000 respondents, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Thus the total annual reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection is estimated to be 112,000 hours. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, MS-224 ARLSQ, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240, or the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1018-0015, Washington, DC 20503.

(b) *General provisions.* Each person hunting migratory game birds in any State except Hawaii must have identified himself or herself as a migratory bird hunter and given his or her name, address, and date of birth to the respective State hunting licensing authority and must have on his or her person evidence, provided by that State, of compliance with this requirement.

(c) *Tribal exemptions.* Nothing in paragraph (b) of this section shall apply to tribal members on Federal Indian Reservations or to tribal members hunting on ceded lands.

(d) *State exemptions.* Nothing in paragraph (b) of this section shall apply to those hunters who are exempt from State-licensing requirements in the State in which they are hunting.

(e) *State responsibilities.* The State hunting licensing authority will ask each licensed migratory bird hunter in the respective State to report approximately how many ducks, geese, doves, and woodcock he or she bagged the previous year, whether he or she hunted coots, snipe, rails, and/or gallinules the previous year, and, in States that have band-tailed pigeon hunting seasons, whether he or she intends to hunt band-tailed pigeons during the current year.

[58 FR 15098, Mar. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 53336, Oct. 21, 1994; 61 FR 46352, Aug. 30, 1996; 62 FR 45708, Aug. 28, 1997; 63 FR 46401, Sept. 1, 1998]

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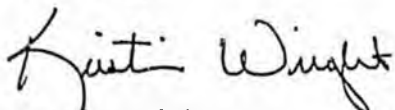
Mr. David Watsjold  
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Dear David:

Enclosed is the summary report for grant number W-1-HIP. The report summarizes the progress made on the Harvest Information Program through November 30, 1998, and lists the expenditures made to meet the grant requirements.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



Kristin Wright  
Finance/Licensing Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Steve Peterson ✓  
Tom Rothe

Grant No: W-1-HIP

Grant Title: Implementation of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in Alaska

State Grant No: 41049

Segment Period: May 15, 1998 – January 31, 2000

Reporting Period: May 15, 1998 – November 30, 1998

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Divisions of Administration and Wildlife Conservation

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#### Need/Problem:

There have been long-standing problems with traditional state and federal surveys for harvests of migratory birds, including inadequate sampling of migratory bird hunters, lack of information on non-waterfowl species (e.g. snip, sandhill cranes, doves), lack of information on less frequently hunted species (e.g. sea ducks, brant), and poor accuracy of harvest estimates. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, other state wildlife agencies, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have recognized the need to develop a more complete sampling frame for migratory bird hunters and hunted migratory birds. The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) worked with the Service and states to reach consensus on a better harvest survey system and supported implementation of regulations to require hunters and states to participate in the new system. Thus, the national Harvest Information Program was established, and phase-in implementation was begun in 1994. In accordance with federal regulations (50 CFR 20, 20.20) HIP must be implemented in all states, including Alaska, for the 1998-99 migratory bird seasons.

#### Approach:

HIP was implemented cooperatively by the ADFG, which administers the hunting license program, and the Service, which is responsible for managing the harvest survey. During May/June, ADF&G and the Service concurred how the ADFG would collect names, addresses, and other required information of licensed migratory bird hunters in the state. The Service agreed that they would conduct the harvest survey, compile the results, and share requested registration and harvest data with the ADFG.

#### Methods:

The Board of Game required licensed migratory bird hunters to register for HIP. The State implemented this program by using the following registration processes:

1. Fill out a printed form at state license vendor locations (see Attachment 1). The forms were mailed by the vendors to ADFG Licensing Section in Juneau for data entry input and electronic file transfer to the Service.
2. Completing an interactive telephone registration interview (see Attachment 2). The ADFG contracted with a private contractor, NEXTLINK, to provide HIP telephone registration. Data files were transmitted directly from NEXTLINK to the Service.

Hunters in both applications were asked questions about their active pursuit of species/groups and numerical harvest categories for the previous year's hunts on the following birds: (a) ducks – dabblers and divers; (b) geese – Canada, white-fronted, and snow; (c) brant; (d) sea ducks – eiders, scoters, oldsquaw, harlequin, and mergansers; (e) common snipe; and (f) sandhill cranes.

Hunters had to show proof of registration by either: (a) having a serial numbered Alaska Waterfowl Conservation Stamp signed across the face of the stamp on their hunting license or (b) a personalized registration number given to hunters upon successful completion of the telephone registration. State duck stamps and HIP registration numbers are valid for the entire regulatory season (typically September 1 through the following January 22).

1-800 Telephone Contract Success:

During the first month of on-line activation, August, NEXTLINK received 216 calls, during September 103 calls, and during November 20 calls. This amount of activity is not as high as we had hoped but we know that it will take hunters a few years to get comfortable with the new system and to realize it is available for their use.

Costs:

*Division of Administration:*

Personnel Costs (data entry, supervision)	\$ 7754.87
Internet Server	8,663.00
Telephone Service Contract	5,600.00
Customer Service – HIP announcement	<u>83.50</u>
Total Division of Administration Costs	\$22,101.37

*Division of Wildlife Conservation:*

Printing of HIP forms in stamp booklets	\$ 5,000.00
Public Information/Media	<u>4,855.10</u>
Total Division of Wildlife Conservation Costs	\$ 9,855.10
Total Costs:	\$31,986.47

**VENDORS:** Every waterfowl hunter must complete a HIP form before you sell them a state stamp. Give the hunter the stamp with the serial number that matches this:

**1998 HIP Serial No.: 000259**

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**1998 Migratory Bird  
Harvest Information Program**

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**HIP No. 0 0 0 2 5 9 Vendor No. \_\_\_\_\_**

In addition to a hunting license and duck stamps, migratory bird hunters in Alaska must participate in the Harvest Information Program (HIP). Your Alaska Duck Stamp must be carried while hunting as proof of registration in HIP. The purpose of HIP is to help establish sound harvest regulations, assuring the future of migratory bird hunting. If you have questions on migratory bird hunting regulations or HIP, call (800) 478-7468. Thank you and good hunting.

Print characters using **CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY** as shown: **ABCD...WXYZ 1234567890**

First Name Mr.  Ms.  M.I.

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Jr., Sr., etc.  
\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth  
MONTH DAY YEAR

Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

City  
\_\_\_\_\_

State Zip Code Date of Issue  
MONTH DAY YEAR

PLEASE FILL IN APPROPRIATE CIRCLES COMPLETELY USING A BLACK INK PEN  
Indicate which migratory birds you hunted *last season* and the number you bagged

**Birds Hunted: Bagged: None 1-10 more than 10**



- Ducks
- Geese
- Snipe
- Cranes
- Brant
- Sea ducks



Is this a replacement for a lost registration? Yes  No

(cut)

# Alaska DFG

## 1-800-WETLAND Script

App. ID#: 0745

<b>ANI/Route Greeting</b>	
745631 <i>Front-end ANI Greeting</i>	Welcome to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's migratory game bird Harvest Information Program.
745632 <i>Front-end ANI message</i>	If you need to complete a HIP registration in the State of Alaska, you will need to register with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game using this system, or you can register at your local license vendor.
745633 <i>Front-end ANI selection</i>	To register in Alaska, press 1. To register in another state, press 2.
<b>General WETLAND Greeting</b>	
35410900 <i>General greeting</i>	Welcome to 1-800-WETLAND. Using this automated service you will be able to report your migratory bird harvest information.
35410901 <i>State selection</i>	Please enter the two letter abbreviation of the state where you wish to report your migratory bird harvest. These abbreviations are found in the front of your phone book. When spelling, use "1" for "z".
35410904 <i>State not found</i>	We're sorry, but you have selected a state that is currently not participating in the 1-800-WETLAND migratory bird harvest information program.
35410905 <i>Re-select</i>	To select another state, press 1. To hear which state's are participating in the 1-800-WETLAND system, press 2.
35410906 <i>State list</i>	The following states are currently participating in the 1-800-WETLAND migratory bird harvest information program:  <b>Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Utah and Virginia.</b>
35410907	For Alabama, press 1.
35410908	For Alaska, press 2.
35410909	For Arizona, press 1.
35410910	For Arkansas, press 1.
35410911	For California, press 1.
35410912	For Colorado, press 1.
35410913	For Connecticut, press 1.
35410914	For Delaware, press 1.
35410915	For Florida, press 1.
35410916	For Georgia, press 1.
35410917	For Hawaii, press 1.

**Alaska HIP**

**745601**  
*Information*

Welcome to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's automated migratory game bird Harvest Information Program, commonly known as HIP. The information you'll provide will allow Alaska and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct harvest surveys.

**745602**  
*Info?*

You must complete the following HIP questions to obtain your HIP registration number if you plan on hunting ducks, geese, common snipe, sandhill cranes, brant, sea ducks, or swans. In the State of Alaska. The charge for your 1998 - 1999 HIP number is \$5.00. Please have a Visa or Mastercard ready.

If you do not have a credit card, you may purchase your HIP registration number from your local Fish and Game vendor.

**745603**  
*Need HIP #?*

To begin registration, please tell us if you plan to hunt ducks, geese, common snipe, sandhill crane, brant, sea ducks or swans in Alaska this season.

If you do, please press 1 to continue with this program.  
If you do not, you do not need to register with HIP and may hang up now.

**745604**  
*Information*

All hunters must carry proof of their HIP registration while they are hunting migratory birds except Alaska residents under the age of 16; residents who are over the age of 60 and have an Alaskan Permanent Hunting ID card; residents who have purchased a low income license, or have a Permanent Disabled Veterans License.

We will be taking your information in two parts. First, we will ask that you for your credit card information, and your name and address. Then we will ask you to answer questions by pressing the buttons on your phone

**745605**

We now want to ask you questions about your last year's hunting season in Alaska. Please answer the following questions by pressing the correct number on your touch-tone phone.

**End of Survey**

**745606**  
*Duck*

If you did not hunt ducks last year, press 1 now.  
If you hunted ducks, but did not bag any, press 2 now.  
If you bagged between 1 and 10 ducks, press 3 now.  
If you bagged 11 or more ducks, press 4 now.  
If you would like these choices repeated, press the 5 key now

**745607**  
*Geese*

If you did not hunt canada, white-fronted or snow geese last year, press 1 now.  
If you hunted geese, but did not bag any, press 2 now.  
If you bagged between 1 and 10 geese, press 3 now.  
If you bagged 11 or more geese, press 4 now.  
If you would like these choices repeated, press the 5 key now.

**745608**  
*Common Snipe*

Did you hunt for common snipe last season?  
If you did not, press 1.  
If you did, press 2.

745803 <i>Street Address</i>	Please confirm your mailing address. To preserve your privacy, we will only ask you to verify the numbers of your address. Your mailing address contains the numbers...
745804 <i>Correct/ Not Correct</i>	If this is correct, press 1. If this is not correct, press 2.
745804 <i>Correct/ Not Correct</i>	If this is correct, press 1. If this is not correct, press 2.
745804 <i>Correct/ Not Correct</i>	If this is correct, press 1. If this is not correct, press 2.
745805 <i>Name</i>	At the tone, please tell us your full name. Spell any words that might be difficult to understand. When you are finished, press the # key.
745806 <i>Canadian Leaveword</i>	We did not find an address associated with your phone number. At the tone please leave you name and mailing address, including apartment number, city, province, and postal code. When you are finished, press the pound key.
745807 <i>U.S. Leaveword</i>	We did not find an address associated with your phone number. At the tone, please tell us your name and mailing address, including apartment number, city, state and zip. When you are finished, please press the pound key.
745990 <i>Credit card entry</i>	To begin registration, we will need you to enter your Visa or Mastercard card number. Using the buttons on your phone, please enter all the numbers of your credit card. Do not enter the expiration date at this time. Please enter the number now, then press the # key.
745991	You told us that your credit card number is. . . .
745992 <i>Exp. Date entry</i>	Now, please enter your card's four-digit expiration date. For example, January 1999 would be 0-1-9-9. Please enter the four-digit expiration date now, then press the # sign.
745993	The expiration date you told us is. . .
745994 <i>Valid card</i>	Thank you. Your credit card will be charged \$5.00 upon completion of this survey.

35411035	For New Hampshire, say 2 at the tone.
35411036	For New Jersey, say 1 at the tone.
35411037	For New Mexico, say 3 at the tone.
35411038	For New York, say 1 at the tone.
35411039	For North Carolina, say 2 at the tone.
35411040	For North Dakota, say 4 at the tone.
35411041	For Ohio, say 3 at the tone.
35411042	For Oklahoma, say 2 at the tone.
35411043	For Oregon, say 2 at the tone.
35411044	For Pennsylvania, say 1 at the tone.
35411045	For Rhode Island, say 1 at the tone.
35411046	For South Carolina, say 2 at the tone.
35411047	For South Dakota, say 1 at the tone.
35411048	For Tennessee, say 1 at the tone.
35411049	For Texas, say 1 at the tone.
35411050	For Utah, say 1 at the tone.
35411051	For Vermont, say 2 at the tone.
35411052	For Virginia, say 1 at the tone.
35411053	For Washington, say 1 at the tone.
35411054	For West Virginia, say 1 at the tone.
35411055	For Wisconsin, say 1 at the tone.
35411056	For Wyoming, say 1 at the tone.
35411057	For another state, say 2.
35411058	For another state, say 3.
35411059	For another state, say 4.
35411060	For another state, say 5.
<b>Alaska Voice Recognition Program</b>	
<b>745700</b> <i>Instruction</i>	Welcome to the <b>Alaska Department of Fish and Game's</b> automated migratory game bird Harvest Information Program, commonly known as HIP. The information you'll provide will allow Alaska and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct harvest surveys.
<b>745701</b> <i>VR hunt</i>	You must complete the following HIP questions to obtain your HIP registration number if you plan on hunting ducks, geese, common snipe, sandhill cranes, brant, sea ducks, or swans. in the <b>State of Alaska</b> . The charge for your 1998 - 1999 HIP number is \$5.00. Please have a Visa or MasterCard ready.  If you do not have a credit card, you may purchase your HIP registration number from your local Fish and Game vendor.
<b>745702</b>	To begin registration, please tell us if you plan to hunt ducks, geese, common snipe, sandhill crane, brant, sea ducks or swans in <b>Alaska</b> this season.  If you do, please say "1" to continue with this program. If you do not, you do not need to register with HIP and may hang up now.

745907 <i>US Leaveword</i>	We did not find an address associated with your phone number. At the tone, please tell us your name, mailing address, including apartment number, city, state and zip. When you are finished, please stay on the line.
745722 <i>VR DOB LW</i>	Please tell us the 8-digits of your date of birth. Speak the two digits of the month, two digits of the day and four digits of the year of your birth. For example, if you were born on May 9, 1958, you would say "zero-five zero-nine one-nine-five-eight." Please remember to wait for the tone after each digit you speak. Please say your date of birth and then stay on the line.
745494 <i>Valid card</i>	Thank you. Your credit card will be charged \$5.00 upon completion of this survey.
<b>VR Game Survey</b>	
745703 <i>VR</i>	We now want to ask you questions about your last year's hunting season in Alaska. Please answer the following questions by speaking the correct number into the phone after each tone.
745704 <i>VR Ducks</i>	If you did not hunt ducks last year, say 1 at the tone. If you hunted ducks, but did not bag any, say 2. If you bagged between 1 and 10 ducks, say 3. If you bagged 11 or more ducks, say 4. If you would like these choices to be repeated, say 5.
745705 <i>VR Geese</i>	If you did not hunt canada, white-front or snow geese last year, say 1 at the tone. If you hunted geese, but did not bag any, say 2. If you bagged between 1 and 10 geese, say 3. If you bagged 11 or more geese, say 4. If you would like these choices to be repeated, say 5.
745706 <i>VR Snipe</i>	Did you hunt for common snipe last season? If you did not, say 1 at the tone. If you did, say 2 at the tone.
745707 <i>VR Sea Ducks</i>	Did you hunt for sea duck, eiders, scoter, old squaw, harlequin ducks or mergansers last season? If you did not, say 1 at the tone. If you did, say 2 at the tone.
745708 <i>VR Cranes</i>	Will you hunt for sandhill cranes last season? If you will not, say 1 at the tone. If you will, say 2 at the tone.
745709 <i>Brant</i>	Will you hunt brant in Alaska this season? If you will not, say 1 at the tone. If you will, say 2 at the tone.
745710 <i>HIP #</i>	You will now be given your HIP registration number. Remember, your HIP registration number is proof that you have registered with HIP, and you must have your HIP number while hunting migratory game birds. If you should lose your HIP number, please contact Fish and Game Licensing at 907/465-2376.  Please write the following 10-digit HIP registration on your Alaska state hunting license. Your HIP number is good through January 31, 1999.  Your Alaska HIP registration number is. . .

745644	The Date of Birth associated with this report is... (playback of 8-digit DOB).
745645	To enter another number for verification, press 1; to end this call, press 2 or simply hang-up.
745646 <i>No Verification</i>	According to our records, there is not a report associated with this number.
745804	If this is correct, press 1 If this is not correct, press 2.
745647 <i>Closing</i>	Thank you for calling the Alaska Harvest Reporting Verification Program. Goodbye.

**Referral Message**

<u>745100</u>	Welcome to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game's Harvest Information Program. This system is currently under construction, but will soon be available for your use. Please call back after August 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/12/00

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/19/00

Resources Committee considered  
FISH AND GAME LICENSES & TAGS

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) am

and recommends:

- be replaced with S CS HB 206 (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 title
- new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>John L. Tolson</i>	✓	<i>Amendment</i>	✓		
<i>Blair Kelly</i>	✓				
<i>Lynne Byer</i>	✓				
CHAIR: <i>Rich Hallford</i>	✓	CHAIR:			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal	
DF & G: Admin	3/1/00	✓	✓	#3
DF & G: Wildlife	2/22/00	✓		#2
DPS: Fish & Wildl.	2/7/00	✓		#1

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill