

HB

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Title Exchange Public Land for Stream RDU Sport Fisheries
Bank Land Component S.F. Special Projects
 Sponsor Representative Gara
 Requester House Community & Regional Affairs Component No. 465

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
Travel	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Contractual	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Supplies	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

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						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Fish and Game Fund)	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
TOTAL	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires ADF&G to identify private undeveloped lands along streams within five miles of a public road that support "significant numbers" or "significant size" of sport fish where enhanced public access is desirable. The department would classify each parcel based on the desirability of acquisition to improve access. This will require research and review of land status and field site visits within identified river corridors. For this note, we assume we will do one river corridor per year. To accomplish this, we will hire a new seasonal 5 month HBII to conduct the land status reviews and field site visits and fund 2 months of an existing Cartographer to prepare the maps. Lines 200-500 provide support to these positions. Section 2 of the bill then requires DNR to take the classified list and pursue possible land exchanges.

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 Approved by: Kevin Duffy, Commissioner Date 3/3/2004
 Agency: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This fiscal note assumes that ADF&G will be responsible for the identification of undeveloped privately owned land that abuts rivers and streams that can support a use fishery within five miles of a public road.

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MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of HB 308 (Work Order No. 23-LS0594\D)

TO: Representative Les Gara
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Legislative Counsel

Section 1. Requires the commissioner to identify undeveloped privately owned land along rivers and streams that support sport fish in significant numbers or of significant size, beginning with those parcels along rivers and streams that are within five miles walking distance of a public road.

Section 2. Requires the commissioner to try to exchange public land for the private land identified in section 1, and specifies a list of priority areas for exchanges.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Representative Carl Morgan, Chair

AGENDA
State Capital 124
April 6, 2004
9:00 am – 10:00 am

- Call to Order
- HB 308 Exchange Public Land for Stream Bank Land
- Next meeting is **Thursday April 15th**
- Adjourn

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE LES GARA

HB 308: Streambank Land Exchange

Alaska's rivers are a treasured resource for fishermen, boaters, hunters, hikers, and people of all walks of life. We need to protect the public's access to them. House Bill 308 aims to ensure future public access to Alaska's fishing streams by putting in place a mechanism for voluntary land trade deals between the State and private owners along important recreational rivers. The program would be facilitated by the Department of Natural Resources and would be completely voluntary. It would not take land away from citizens who don't want to trade for other public land of equal value.

There are currently large stretches of private land on streams such as the Anchor River, Deep Creek, Parks Highway Streams, the Salcha River and others throughout the state. Today the public uses these streams, and has access to them. Once they're developed, we'll never be able to afford to get them back. In Montana, for example, fishermen have to pay for public access to some rivers. One hundred eighty miles of the Missouri River have been lost to public access, and that state now budgets \$300,000 per year to buy back parcels of riverbank land.

HB308 will help insure that unparalleled recreational opportunities in our vibrant river corridors remain accessible, for our own and for future generations.