

HB

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REPRESENTATIVE RALPH SAMUELS

HOUSE DISTRICT 29

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March 25, 2003

The Honorable Ralph Samuels
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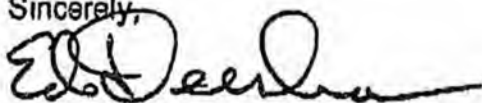
Dear Representative Samuels:

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The board frequently receives proposals from public groups and individuals, usually in urban areas, seeking sport fishing opportunities for youths where they can fish without being "overrun" by adult anglers. Unfortunately, the board does not currently have the legislative authority to establish regulations that would create such seasons and areas. Your bill would give the board that authority.

Once again, the board endorses HB 98 and we want to thank you for submitting it. I would be happy to provide additional support, if needed, during the legislative review of this bill.

Sincerely,



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FISCAL NOTE

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2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB 98
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Relating to sport fishing seasons and BRU Sport Fisheries
areas for persons under 16 years of age Component Sport Fisheries
 Sponsor Representative Samuels
 Requester House Fisheries Component No. 464

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
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						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

Prepared by: Kelly Hepler, Director Phone 465-4180
 Division: Sport Fish Date/Time 3/25/03 2:12 PM
 Approved by: Kevin Duffy, Commissioner Date 3/25/2003
 Agency: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Prepared by: Captain Howard Starbard Phone 269-5589
 Division: Fish and Wildlife Protection Date/Time 3/27/03 9:14 AM
 Approved by: William Tandeske, Commissioner Date 3/27/2003
 Agency: Department of Public Safety

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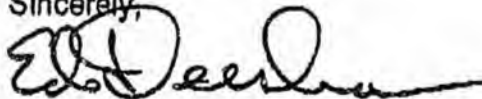
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Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Kathy Hansen, Chair
9369 North Douglas Hwy
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March 27, 2003

House Special Committee on Fisheries
Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support HB 98

The Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee fully supports HB 98. This is legislation that is long overdue. We discussed this issue at our last meeting on February 28, 2003 and unanimously supported HB 98. This is an issue that we have discussed with sport fish many times over the years as we have dealt with Board of Fish proposals and opportunities for kids have been curtailed especially in urban areas.

Please support this very simple and straight forward legislation to allow the Board of Fish to make regulation for kids and pass this out of committee.

Thank you,

Kathy Hansen
Chair

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