

SB

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SENATOR FRED DYSON

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Updated: April 7, 2003

Contact: Senator Fred Dyson's office at (907) 465-2199

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MEMORANDUM

May 12, 2003

To: Representative Hugh Fate

From: Senator Fred Dyson

Fred Dyson
CWC(L)

RE: Hearing Request, SB 56

I respectfully request the scheduling of SB 56, "An Act Related to Yukon Fishing Licenses" at your earliest convenience. Thank You.



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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 56
 (S) Publish Date: 5/1/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Fishing Licenses for Yukon Residents BRU Administration
 Component Administration
 Sponsor Senator Dyson
 Requester Resources, Finance Component No. 479

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 (1024)	(46.0)	(46.0)	(46.0)	(46.0)	(46.0)	(46.0)
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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)

Fiscal note reflects estimated change in revenues to the Fish and Game Fund from revenues that were received from license sales to Yukon Territory residents in 2002.

It is difficult to predict numbers of license sales as the 2002 numbers likely reflect multiple sales of short term (one day, three day, etc) licenses to the same individuals. This number may offset a potential increase in the number of annual participants with the passage of SB 56. Also, king salmon tag sales are not tracked by licensee. Revenue projections are based on an estimate that 50% of licensees also purchase a king tag.

Prepared by: Kevin Brooks, Director Phone 465-5999
 Division Administration Date/Time 4/28/03 1:54 PM
 Approved by: Commissioner Kevin Duffy Date 4/28/2003
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

Sport Fishing License Sales to Yukon Territory Residents

Fishing Licenses Sold in 2002							
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	226	\$100.00	\$22,600.00	113	\$100.00	\$11,300.00	\$33,900.00
09	1	\$100.00 **	\$100.00	1	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
6A	30	\$50.00	\$1,500.00	15	\$50.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
6B	1358	\$20.00	\$27,160.00	679	\$20.00	\$13,580.00	\$40,740.00
6C	896	\$10.00	\$8,960.00	448	\$10.00	\$4,480.00	\$13,440.00
6D	228	\$30.00	\$6,840.00	114	\$30.00	\$3,420.00	\$10,260.00
9C	2	\$30.00***	\$60.00	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Total	2,741		\$67,220.00	1371		\$33,610.00	\$100,830.00

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NR 3 D
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NR 7 D
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Fishing Revenues with SB 56 license fee							
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	2741	\$15.00	\$41,115.00	1371	\$10.00	\$13,705.00	\$54,820.00
Total	2741		\$41,115.00			\$13,705.00	\$54,820.00
							\$46,010.00

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*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.
 ***Sport fishing portion of license is \$30.00. Total license cost includes hunting license of \$85.00 for a total license cost of \$115.00.

Valid License Types

Type Code	Description
AA	Sport fishing hunting and trapping licenses
BB	Crewmember licenses

Valid License Classes

Type Code	Class Code	Class Description
AA	01 —	Resident Sport Fishing
AA	02	Resident Hunting
AA	04	Resident Sport Fish & Hunt
AA	05	Resident SF, Hunt & Trap
AA	07 —	Nonresident Sport Fish
AA	08	Nonresident Hunting
AA	09 —	Nonresident Hunting-Sport Fish
AA	10	Nonresident Hunting-Trapping
AA	12	Nonres Military Sport Fish
AA	13	Nonres Military Small Game
AA	14	Nonres Military SF, Small Game
AA	15	Nonres Alien Hunting
AA	18	Duplicate Sport License
AA	1A	Resident Blind Sport Fishing
AA	2A	Resident Blind Hunting
AA	3A	Resident Hunt & Trap
AA	3B	Resident Trapping
AA	5A	Res Low Income SF/Hunt/Trap
AA	5B	Res Low Income Duplicate Lic
AA	6A —	Nonresident 14 Day Sport Fish
AA	6B —	Nonresident 3 Day Sport Fish
AA	6C —	Nonresident 1 Day Sport Fish
AA	6D —	Nonresident 7 Day Sport Fish
AA	8A	Nonresident Small Game Hunting
AA	9C —	Nonres Hunt/7 Day Fish
AA	UN	Unknown Class
AA	VD	Voided Sport Licenses
AA	YF	9-11 Free Nonres Sport Fish
BB	30	Resident Crewmember License
BB	31	Nonresident Crewmember License
BB	32	Duplicate Crewmember License
BB	34	Residents Child Crew License
BB	35	Nonresident Child Crew License
BB	VD	Voided Crewmember Licenses

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April 28, 2003

Senator Fred Dyson
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Dyson:

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, representing approximately 700 member businesses and 35 local chambers of commerce, supports Senate Bill 56, sport fishing fees for Yukon residents.

Senate Bill 56 will allow residents of the Yukon Territory to purchase fishing licenses at the in-state rate, in order to encourage them to visit Alaska. The Yukon Territory has no Pacific coastline, and we believe it is eminently fair and reasonable to extend to its residents the less-expensive alternative of purchasing a fishing license as Alaskans themselves can do. Moreover, it is clearly an excellent opportunity to send a message of friendship and cooperation to this part of Canada. The Yukon Legislative Assembly has already acted to extend the benefits of fishing licenses enjoyed by locals to Alaskans, and the spirit of reciprocity calls for us to do the same.

We wish you the success in securing passage of SB 56 by the State Legislature this year, and we stand ready to assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela La Bolle".

Pamela La Bolle
President



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May 1, 2003

To: Senator Georgianna Lincoln

Fax: (907)-465-2652

From: Bob Ward, City Manager

Re: SB 56

Dear Senator Lincoln:

I understand that you will be hearing SB 56 today, which deals with a reciprocal arrangement between Alaskan and Yukon residents for resident fishing license fees, without conferring resident status for bag limits.

I believe this to be a desirable, if not important, "cross border handshake" that recognizes the close economic, social and historical ties between the residents of Yukon and Alaska.

While this is a new issue for us and has not enjoyed any public debate, cursory discussion indicates favor for this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Ward", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Ward Jr.,
City Manager



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May 2, 2003

Senator Georgianna Lincoln
Alaska State Legislature
M/S 3100
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: SB 56

Dear Senator Lincoln:

At the request of your staff I have polled the Borough Assembly members and Mayor to get their feelings on the above-referenced bill. I have not been able to reach them all, but the majority of them think this is a great idea.

The people of the Yukon Territory have always been good neighbors with Haines -- allowing us to hunt and fish in their back yard and welcoming us with open arms.

We can't do anything about the exchange on their money - the least we can do is try to help them out with resident licenses so that a fishing trip to Alaska's waters can be affordable once again. Not only will this be to their benefit, but the money they spend in Haines will help our flagging economy.

Please do all you can to see that this bill is successful.

Sincerely,

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Tim Troll
Manager
HAINES BOROUGH