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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT

MAY 8 2003

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 5/1/03

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 8 May 2003

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 56

SB 56 SPORT FISHING FEES FOR YUKON RESIDENTS

"An Act relating to sport fishing license fees and anadromous king salmon tag fees for residents of Yukon, Canada."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 56 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS CS forthcoming (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Fish & Game	4/28/03		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Adrian L. Taylor</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>L. C. Buentke</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Ken Struons</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
COCHAIR: <i>Lynne Green</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
COCHAIR: <i>Gary Wilkes</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

FISCAL NOTE

REPORTED ONLY
MAY 8 2003
SENATE

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)						
TCTAL	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

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SB / 2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 50		
Amendment	as amended		
Motion	move from committee		
<u>Motion by</u>			
<u>Objection by</u>			
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	Vote	N
Senator Bunde			✓
Senator Hoffman			✓
Senator Olson	✓		
Senator Stevens	✓		
Senator Taylor	✓		
Co-Chair Green	✓		
Co-Chair Wilken	✓		
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea		5	
Nay		2	
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	Pass		

Amend. #1
conceptual

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SENATE BILL NO. 56

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 2/3/03

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to sport fishing license fees and anadromous king salmon tag fees for
2 residents of Yukon, Canada."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) If the commissioner determines that residents of the state are entitled to
6 obtain licenses for sport fishing, including sport fishing for anadromous king salmon,
7 in Yukon, Canada, for the same fees that are charged to residents of Yukon for
8 comparable sport fishing licenses, the commissioner may adopt regulations
9 authorizing residents of Yukon to receive

10 (1) nonresident annual sport fishing licenses for the fee charged to
11 residents under (a) of this section for a resident sport fishing license; and

12 (2) nonresident anadromous king salmon annual tags for the fee
13 charged to residents under (a) of this section for a resident anadromous king salmon
14 tag.

Sec. 2 Sec. 1 of this bill is to take effect
immediately.

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
5/8/2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 56		
Amendment	#1 - conceptual		
Motion	adpt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Objection by</u>	none		
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Olson			
Senator Stevens			
Senator Taylor			
Senator Bunde			
Co-Chair Green			
Co-Chair Wilken			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	Pass		

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 56(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DYSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to sport fishing license fees and anadromous king salmon tag fees for
2 residents of Yukon, Canada; and providing for an effective date."

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Amend
#1

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



Official Business

Alaska State Senate

Senate Finance Committee

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Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 8 May 2003 TIME: 9:55 am

TO: Legal Services

NUMBER OF PAGES, INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 1

FROM: MINDY ROWLAND
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
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NOTES: SB 56

+ attached amendment

Final Please!

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SENATOR FRED DYSON

SB 56

Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to Fishing Licenses for Yukon Residents"

Updated: April 7, 2003

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

The Yukon Territory and its residents have a great deal in common with Alaska and Alaskans. SB 56 extends a small, but important, gesture of good will to our closest neighbor. Yukoners have no coast on the Pacific Ocean and several hundred of them buy Alaska Fishing Licenses each year to fish in Alaskan salt waters. They spend thousands of dollars in our local economies on their fishing expeditions.

When Representative John Harris and former Senator Phillips introduced similar legislation in April of 2000, the Yukon Legislative Assembly immediately passed laws that will give reciprocity to Alaskans. They not only give us resident fishing license rates for the fresh water fish that are under territorial jurisdictions, but they have worked through an agreement with their Federal Department of Oceans and Fish to allow Alaskans to catch Salmon in Yukon rivers. Yukon has some wonderful fishing opportunities including in world record Lake Trout and Pike.

The people and government of Yukon Territory are going through difficult times with a decreasing population now under 30,000 people and a stifled economy. Regardless, they are supporting our efforts to build our gas pipeline, connect our railroad to the North American Railroad System, and upgrade the Alaska Highway. This bill is a small but significant step to further enhance our good relationship with our Canadian neighbors.

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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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YUKON/ALASKA SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEE RECIPROACITY**ISSUE:** What is the status of Yukon/Alaska Sport Fishing License Fee Reciprocity?**GENERAL RESPONSE:**

- A license fee bill to implement a reciprocal fee arrangement was passed by the Alaska House of Representatives by a 29 to 1 vote in April 2000 but it "died" at the end of the Legislative Session in May, 2000 while still being considered by the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Phillips, who sponsored the original bill, indicated he was prepared to reintroduce the measure when an appropriate money bill was available but has not yet done so.
- The Department of Environment has proceeded with the necessary regulation changes to the Yukon Territory Fishery Regulations to allow for reciprocity when an Alaska bill is passed. Passage of the regulations is expected in July 2003.

MORE DETAILED RESPONSE:

- A proposed amendment to the Federal Yukon Territory Fishery Regulations to consider Alaskan residents as Yukon residents for license fee purposes was supported by the public during the 2001/02 regulation review process and recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Management Board. This regulation change is being processed through the federal regulation process but will only take effect when Alaska passes parallel legislation.
- Under the proposed reciprocity arrangement and current fee structure Yukon residents would pay \$15.00 U.S. for an Alaskan license and Alaska residents would pay \$15.00 Canadian for a Yukon license. The revenue implications of such an arrangement would be negligible for both Yukon and Alaska but the public relations benefit would be very significant.

BACKGROUND:

- In 1998, non-resident Alaska sport fishing license fees doubled from \$50.00 U.S. to \$100.00 U.S. The Alaska resident license fee is \$15.00 U.S.
- The Yukon non-resident fee is \$35.00 Canadian (or about \$25.00 U.S.). The Yukon resident license fee is \$15.00 Canadian.
- About 2000 Yukon residents buy Alaska licenses and about 600-700 Alaska residents buy Yukon licenses annually.

PREPARED FOR:
PREPARED BY:
DATE PREPARED:

Minister's Meetings with Alaskan Senators
Fish and Wildlife Branch, Department of Environment
March 21, 2003

APPROVED BY:


Ross Leaf, Acting Deputy Minister

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Provided by Sen. Dyson

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/3/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/24/03
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5-1-03

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 56

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
F&G	4/28/03	✓		1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
Seekins	<i>Joseph Seekins</i>	✓			
B. Stevens	<i>Ben Stevens</i>	✓			
Lincoln	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
Elton	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
CHAIR:	<i>Thomas H. Wagner</i>	✓			

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