

**HB**

**98**

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/15/03

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 2-3-04

Resources Committee considered      HOUSE BILL NO. 98

## HB 98 SPORT FISHING SEASONS FOR YOUTH

"An Act relating to sport fishing seasons and areas for persons under 16 years of age."

and recommends:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

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#
F&C	4/30/04		✓	3
DPS	4/17/04		✓	4

**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>Ralph Seekins</i>			✓	
wagoner	<i>Thomas Wagoner</i>	✓			
Dyson	<i>Frank Dyson</i>	✓			
Elton	<i>Kevin Elton</i>			✓	
Ogan	CHAIR: <i>Scott Ogan</i>	✓			

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB098-DPS-ABWE-1-12-04  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title Sport Fishing Seasons For Youth RDU Alaska State Troopers  
Component Alaska Bureau of  
Wildlife Enforcement  
Sponsor Representative Samuels Component No. 2746  
Requester Senate Resources

**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						
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>						
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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)						
<b>TOTAL</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>

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0  
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
This bill would allow the board of fisheries to establish open and closed seasons specifically for those people under the age of 16. In the past, there have been fisheries proposals requesting limited fisheries for youth, but the board has not had the authority to segregate or restrict other users. This bill would provide that authority.  
  
Passage of this legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety unless the fish board were to create unenforceable or overly burdensome regulations. However, the board has historically taken enforcement issues into account when developing or adopting regulations, so such an outcome is unlikely.

Prepared by: Lieutenant Al Storey Phone 269-4532  
Division Alaska State Troopers Date/Time 1/12/04 2:41 PM  
Approved by: Commissioner William Tandeske Date 1/12/2004  
Agency Department of Public Safety

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**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)

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**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

# **REPRESENTATIVE RALPH SAMUELS**

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HOUSE DISTRICT 29

## **HB 98**

### **Sponsor Statement**

**“An act relating to sport fishing seasons and areas for persons under 16 years of age”**

House Bill 98 will encourage healthy outdoor activity for Alaska's youth by expanding fishing access, especially in urban areas. Fishing gives children an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate nature while getting fresh air and exercise. House Bill 98 will help to create more opportunities for Alaska's children to enjoy the sport of fishing.

House Bill 98 provides the Board of Fish with the authority to implement special fisheries for children under the age of 16. It will allow the board to manage fisheries with more flexibility. In turn, small fisheries could be implemented in areas where a fully open fishery is not practicable. The details of these specific fisheries will be left to the board's expertise.

A similar provision exists in statute for the Board of Game. It allows the board to establish age-specific youth hunts. House Bill 98 will grant the same type of authority to the Board of Fish.

Email: [Representative\\_Ralph\\_Samuels@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Ralph_Samuels@legis.state.ak.us)

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Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Kathy Hansen, Chair  
9369 North Douglas Hwy  
Juneau, AK 99801  
907-586-6652

February 2, 2004

Senate Resources  
Senator Scott Ogan, 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 straightforward legislation to allow the Board of Fish to make regulations for kids and pass this out of committee.

Thank you,

Kathy Hansen  
Chair



**Alaska Outdoor Council**  
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January 29, 2004

Senator Scott Ogan, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee  
Room 103  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Senator Ogan,

The Alaska Outdoor Council, on behalf of its 54 member clubs and a collective membership of nearly 12,000 Alaskans, supports HB 98 "An Act relating to sport fishing seasons and areas for persons under 16 years of age".

As hunters, fishermen, and conservationists, we applaud Representative Ralph Samuels' efforts to encourage our youth to participate in the wonderful outdoor opportunities Alaska has to offer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Yuhas, Executive Director  
Alaska Outdoor Council

# Alaska State Legislature



Representative Ralph Samuels  
District 29

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 14, 2003

CONTACT: J.D. Wallace, House Majority Press Secretary (907) 465-5369

## **House Approves Fishing Exceptions for Minors** **Board of Fish Can Make Sport Allowances for People 16 and Younger**

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska House of Representatives unanimously approved House Bill 98 by a vote of 36 to zero on Monday. Sponsored by Rep. Ralph Samuels (R-Anchorage), HB 98 allows the Board of Fish, when appropriate, to create special seasons and areas for sport fishing by people 16 years old and younger.

“We have a seniors-only fishery, and this would provide for a kids-only fishery,” Samuels said. “Such fisheries would most likely be in more urban areas.”

Rep. Samuels used Campbell Creek in Anchorage as an example. He said a small run of king salmon in that creek would not support an entire sport fishery; however, it could allow for a fishery restricted to the 16 and younger age limit. He said HB 98 has the support of the Board of Fish.

“We should continue to foster a love for nature in Alaska’s next generation,” Samuels said. “Showing our youth the enjoyment that fishing provides can help teach the importance of protecting this resource for the future.”

HB 98 moves to the Senate.

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March 25, 2003

The Honorable Ralph Samuels  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Bldg. Room 412  
Juneau AK 99801-11822

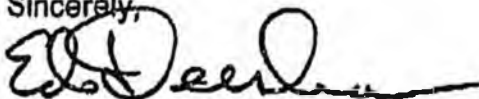
Dear Representative Samuels:

I am writing in regard to HB 98, which you introduced on February 14, 2003 entitled "An Act relating to sport fishing seasons and areas for persons under 16 years of age." The Board of Fisheries supports the intent of this bill that allows the board to establish seasons and areas for the exclusive use of young anglers.

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,



Ed Dersham, Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
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March 27, 2003

House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Representative Paul Seaton, Chair  
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HOUSE DISTRICT 29

## **Memorandum**

Date: April 15, 2003

To: Senator Scott Ogan, Chair, Senate Resources Committee

From: Representative Ralph Samuels

RE: Hearing for House Bill 98

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Please schedule a hearing for House Bill 98 in Senate Resources Committee at your earliest convenience. The bill allows the Board of Fisheries to establish sport fisheries for children under the age of 16.

Attached you will find:

1. HB 98
2. Fiscal notes:
  - (a). Department of Fish & Game
  - (b). Department of Public Safety
3. Sponsor statement
4. Letter of support from the Alaska Board of Fisheries
5. Letter of support from Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
6. Press release for passage from House

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