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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/3/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 5-1-03

Resources 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:

**Senate Bill:**

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

same title

new title

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

**House Bill:**

same title

technical title

attached amendment(s)

new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
FIG	4/28/03	✓		

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Joseph Neepkins</i>	✓			
<i>Ben Stevens</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
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CHAIR: <i>Thomas H. Wassner</i>	✓			

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: SB 56  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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						
<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 ( 1024 )</b>	<b>(46.0)</b>	<b>(46.0)</b>	<b>(46.0)</b>	<b>(46.0)</b>	<b>(46.0)</b>	<b>(46.0)</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 (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.

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 Approved by: Commissioner Kevin Duffy Date 4/28/2003  
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

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**Sport Fishing License Sales to Yukon Territory Residents**

Fishing Licenses Sold in 2002							
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,741</b>		<b>\$67,220.00</b>	<b>1371</b>		<b>\$33,610.00</b>	<b>\$100,830.00</b>
<b>Fishing Revenues with SB 56 license fee</b>							
01	2741	\$15.00	\$41,115.00	1371	\$10.00	\$13,705.00	\$54,820.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2741</b>		<b>\$41,115.00</b>			<b>\$13,705.00</b>	<b>\$54,820.00</b>
							<b>\$46,010.00</b>
*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



## SENATOR FRED DYSON

### MEMORANDUM

April 7, 2003

To: Senator Scott Ogan, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee

From: Senator Fred Dyson

*Fred Dyson  
(wlc)*

RE: Hearing Request, SB 56

I respectfully request the scheduling of SB 56, An act relating to giving resident fishing licenses rates to Yukoners at your earliest convenience. Thank You.



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 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

**YUKON/ALASKA SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEE RECIPROCITY**

**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.

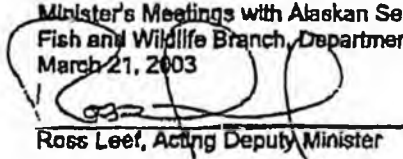
**BACKGROUND:**

- 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:**

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Fish and Wildlife Branch, Department of Environment  
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**APPROVED BY:**

  
Ross Leef, Acting Deputy Minister

# AIRBORNE HUNTING ACT

16 U.S.C. § 742j-1, November 18, 1971, as amended 1972.

**Overview.** The Act, a section of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, prohibits harassing, capturing or killing birds, fish and other animals from aircraft, with certain limited exceptions.

**Selected Definitions.** Aircraft: any contrivance used for flight in the air. § 742j-1(c).

**Prohibitions and Exceptions.** The Act imposes fines, imprisonment for up to one year, or both on a person who: while airborne in an aircraft shoots or attempts to shoot to capture or kill any bird, fish or other animal; uses an aircraft to harass any bird, fish or other animal; knowingly participates in using an aircraft for any of these purposes. (See the summary of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 for more information on criminal penalties.)

These prohibitions do not apply to state or federal employees, authorized agents, or persons acting under a license or permit, who are authorized to administer or protect land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life or crops. Each person authorized under a license or permit must report to the issuing authority each calendar quarter the number and type of animals taken. Each state that issues permits must file with the Secretary of Interior an annual report listing permit holders, animals authorized to be taken, the animals actually taken and the reason for issuing the permits. § 742j-1(a) and (b).

**Enforcement.** The Secretary of Interior is responsible for enforcing this Act and issuing regulations. Authorized Department of the Interior employees who witness a violation of the Act may arrest the violator without a warrant, take the person to an officer or court, execute warrants to enforce the Act, and conduct searches. Any federal judge or magistrate may issue warrants upon probable cause. The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with state fish and wildlife agencies or other authorities to facilitate enforcement of the Act, and may delegate enforcement authority to state law enforcement personnel. § 742j-1(d).

**Forfeiture.** All animals taken, and all guns, aircraft and other equipment used in violation of this Act, are subject to forfeiture to the federal government. Federal laws relating to the forfeiture of vessels for violation of custom laws apply to forfeitures under this Act. § 742j-1(e) and (f).

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