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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senate Resources Committee

Butrovich Room 205  
Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
3:30-5:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

### ➤ SCR 16 "Request Governor to Investigate Coal Resources"

Invited Testimony

### ➤ SB 77 "Big Game Hunting With Children"

Public Testimony

### ➤ Chinook Salmon Research Initiative Overview & Update

- Department of Fish & Game
  - Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner
  - Ed Jones, Chinook Initiative Coordinator

Invited Testimony

Teleconference



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

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#### **FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

DATE: February 24, 2014  
TO: Resources Committee  
(Senator Giessel, Room 427)  
FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary  
SUBJ: Sponsor Substitute

A Sponsor change has been made on the following bill/resolution pending in your Committee:

#### **RETRIEVE**

SENATE BILL NO. 77  
"An Act relating to big game hunting with children."

Please pull this bill/resolution folder from your files and give to the page. The bill/resolution folder will be returned to you with the updated bill.  
Thank you.

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/13/13

FURTHER: Finance

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

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 3/6/14

**Resources Committee** considered SENATE BILL NO. 77

### SB 77 BIG GAME HUNTING WITH CHILDREN

"An Act relating to big game hunting with children."

and recommends:

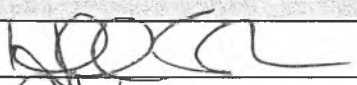
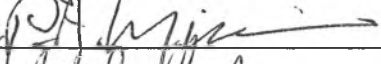
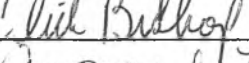
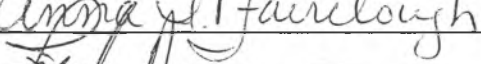
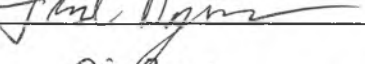
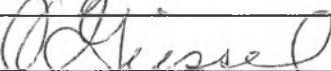
- be replaced with CS SB 77 (RES)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DFG			✓	1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	French	✓			
	Micciche	✓			
	Bishop	✓			
	FAIRCLOUGH	✓			
	Dysan	✓			
CHAIR: 	Giessel	✓			

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MICCICHE, Kelly

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to big game hunting with children."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(i) is amended to read:

4 (i) For the purpose of encouraging adults to take children hunting, the board  
5 shall establish annual hunting seasons in appropriate areas of the state for big game,  
6 other than bison and musk ox [, THAT ARE OPEN BEFORE SCHOOLS START IN  
7 THE FALL AND BEFORE REGULAR HUNTING SEASONS BEGIN]. Only a  
8 resident child accompanied by a resident adult or a child accompanied by the child's  
9 resident parent, resident stepparent, or resident legal guardian may take big game in an  
10 area where a season established under this subsection is in effect. The adult, parent,  
11 stepparent, or legal guardian who accompanies the child may only assist the child in  
12 taking big game. A big game animal taken under this subsection, **except for a Sitka**  
13 **blacktail deer when the harvest limit for the deer is one for each person,** must be  
14 counted against the bag limits of both the child and the adult, parent, stepparent, or  
15 legal guardian who accompanies the child. In this subsection,

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- (1) "adult" means an individual who is 21 years of age or older;
- (2) "child" means an individual who is not more than 17 years of age and not younger than eight years of age.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE  
TO: SB 77

BY SENATOR MICCICHE

- 1 Page 1, line 5:
- 2 Delete "may [SHALL]"
- 3 Insert "shall"

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## SENATOR PETER A. MICCICHE

### Sponsor Statement

#### DISTRICT 0

#### SB 77 "An Relating to Big Game Hunting With Children."

*Anchor Point*

*Clam Gulch*

*Cohoe*

*Diamond Ridge*

*Fox River*

*Fritz Creek*

*Funny River*

*Halibut Cove*

*Happy Valley*

*Homer*

*Kachemak City*

*Kachemak Selo*

*Kalifornsky*

*Kasilof*

*Kenai*

*Nikolaevsk*

*Ninilchik*

*Razdolna*

*Ridgeway*

*Seldovia*

*Soldotna*

*Voznesenka*

Since long before statehood, Alaska has enjoyed a long history rich with the subsistence, social and cultural benefits, as well as the generational outdoor traditions derived from Alaska's hunting culture. Such traditions and the outdoor legacy in the best interest of all Alaskans, is most effectively passed on to the next generation by encouraging young people to hunt responsibly.

The Board of Game currently possesses the ability to establish special hunts to ensure the responsible instruction and indoctrination of young hunters. This bill will give the board more flexibility to establish youth hunts.

Encouraging youth to responsibly participate and carry on Alaska's great hunting tradition and outdoor heritage is very important for youth development and quality multi-generational outdoor experiences. I hope you will consider supporting this important bill.

**AMENDMENT**

OFFERED IN THE SENATE  
TO: SB 77

BY SENATOR MICCICHE

- 1 Page 1, line 12, following "subsection":
- 2 Insert "except for a Sitka blacktail deer when the harvest limit for the deer is one
- 3 for each person."

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# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 77  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: SB077-DFG-WCD-2-28-14  
Title: BIG GAME HUNTING WITH CHILDREN  
Sponsor: MICCICHE  
Requester: Senate Resources Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game  
Appropriation: Wildlife Conservation  
Allocation: Wildlife Conservation  
OMB Component Number: 473

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
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>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial Version

Prepared By:	Doug Vincent-Lang, Director	Phone:	(907)267-2339
Division:	Wildlife Conservation	Date:	02/28/2014 04:30 PM
Approved By:	Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner	Date:	02/28/14
Agency:	Commissioner's Office		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 77

**Analysis**

Senate Bill 77 will address some of the issues that have come to light as the Board of Game (Board) has attempted to initiate youth hunts under AS 16.05.255(i). The changes that are being proposed will give the Board greater flexibility in how they create youth hunts, recognizing that there are differences regionally and by species.



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL

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February 4, 2014

Senator Pete Kelly  
State Capitol, Room #516  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Kelly:

Thank you for the original legislation promoting youth hunting in Alaska, and for sponsoring new legislation, SB 77, providing modifications to the youth hunting law. Board of Game (Board) members have been strong supporters of providing youth hunts but have met some difficulty authorizing seasons that begin before school starts with recent, earlier opening dates. Your amended language, to change "shall" to "may" and remove the season requirement, will help immensely in our effort to establish youth hunting opportunities.

The Board has also encountered a second issue related to the requirement for both the child and accompanying adult to validate their harvest tag when a big game animal is taken. When harvesting moose and caribou which yield a large amount of meat, this has not been an issue. At our recent meeting in Sitka, a proposal was adopted to establish a youth deer hunt and the question came up concerning both hunters validating their harvest tags for one deer. Since this area, Subunit 5A near Yakutat, has a one deer bag limit we were concerned that by combining the bag limit, it may discourage adults from participating in youth hunts since they would only be allowed to harvest one deer for the family. The estimated maximum yield of meat posted in the Department of Fish and Game regulation book, is 68 pounds for a deer. Suggested wording in lines 12 through 14 of the proposed bill should read: "A big game animal taken under this subsection, except for Sitka black-tailed deer where the bag limit is one, must be counted against the bag limits of both the child and the adult, parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who accompanies the child."

Board members were also concerned about the age range allowed in this statute of 8 to 17 years of age. It is our understanding that the Board has the authority to be more restrictive than the enabling legislation, therefore this concern can be addressed without needing any word changes. An age range of 10 to 17 has been used by the Board since we require youth hunters to have successfully completed a hunter education program prior to hunting.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Spraker".

Ted Spraker, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Game

cc: Senator Peter Micciche, District O