

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 80(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/10/21

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the sport fishing enhancement account; establishing the sport**
2 **fishing enhancement surcharge; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) Money accruing to the state from the sport fishing enhancement surcharge
6 imposed by AS 16.05.340(l) shall be deposited in a separate account known as the
7 sport fishing enhancement account within the fish and game fund. The department
8 shall allocate money in the enhancement account to programs intended to directly
9 benefit license purchasers as follows:

10 (1) \$2.50 of each surcharge collected to fisheries management,
11 fisheries research, invasive species management, and habitat restoration; and

12 (2) the remainder of each surcharge collected to sport fishing stock
13 enhancement and ongoing maintenance of the department's sport fishing hatchery
14 facilities.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(i) is amended to read:

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

7 (1) nonresident annual sport fishing licenses for the fees charged to
8 residents under (a) of this section for a resident sport fishing license; and

9 (2) nonresident anadromous king salmon annual tags for the fee
10 charged to residents under (a) **and (l)** of this section for a resident anadromous king
11 salmon tag.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (l) In addition to the fees for a sport fishing license set out in (a) and (d) of this
14 section, each person who purchases a sport fishing license shall pay a sport fishing
15 enhancement surcharge as set out in this subsection. The purpose of the surcharge is to
16 provide funding for enhancement of sport fisheries. A person who is eligible for a \$5
17 resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license under (a)(6) of this section or a
18 free license under AS 16.05.341 is exempt from payment of the surcharge imposed
19 under this subsection. The surcharge authorized by this subsection shall take effect on
20 the date established by regulation by the commissioner. The amount of the surcharge
21 attached to each sport fishing license must be clearly disclosed on the sport fishing
22 license. The amount of the sport fishing enhancement surcharge to be paid under this
23 subsection for each sport fishing license is as follows:

- 24 (1) resident sport fishing license \$ 6.50
25 (2) resident hunting and sport fishing license 6.50
26 (3) resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license 6.50
27 (4) nonresident 14-day sport fishing license 27.50
28 (5) nonresident seven-day sport fishing license 22.50
29 (6) nonresident three-day sport fishing license 12.50
30 (7) nonresident one-day sport fishing license 7.50
31 (8) nonresident annual sport fishing license 42.50

1 (9) special nonresident military sport fishing license 6.50.

2 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2021.