

SENATE BILL NO. 60

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/29/21

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the sport fishing hatchery facilities account; establishing the sport**
2 **fishing facility 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 facility surcharge
6 imposed under AS 16.05.340(l) shall be deposited in a separate account known as the
7 sport fishing hatchery facilities account within the fish and game fund. Money in the
8 sport fishing hatchery facilities account shall be allocated to ongoing maintenance and
9 operation of the department's sport fish hatchery facilities and sport fishing stock
10 enhancement intended to directly benefit license purchasers.

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

12 (i) If the commissioner determines that residents of the state are entitled to
13 obtain licenses for sport fishing, including sport fishing for anadromous king salmon,
14 in Yukon, Canada, for the same fees that are charged to residents of Yukon for

1 comparable sport fishing licenses, the commissioner may adopt regulations
 2 authorizing residents of Yukon to receive

3 (1) nonresident annual sport fishing licenses for the fees charged to
 4 residents under (a) **and (l)** of this section for a resident sport fishing license; and

5 (2) nonresident anadromous king salmon annual tags for the fee
 6 charged to residents under (a) of this section for a resident anadromous king salmon
 7 tag.

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

9 (l) In addition to the fees for a sport fishing license set out in (a) and (d) of this
 10 section, each person who purchases a sport fishing license shall pay a sport fishing
 11 facility surcharge as set out in this subsection for the purpose of providing funding for
 12 ongoing maintenance and operation of the department's fish hatchery facilities and
 13 sport fishing stock enhancement. A person who is eligible for a \$5 resident hunting,
 14 trapping, and sport fishing license under (a)(6) of this section or a free license under
 15 AS 16.05.341 is exempt from payment of the surcharge imposed under this subsection.
 16 The surcharge authorized by this subsection shall take effect on the date established by
 17 regulation by the commissioner. The amount of the surcharge attached to each sport
 18 fishing license must be clearly disclosed on the sport fishing license. The amount of
 19 the sport fishing facility surcharge to be paid for each sport fishing license is as
 20 follows:

- 21 (1) resident sport fishing license \$ 4
- 22 (2) resident hunting and sport fishing license 4
- 23 (3) resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license 4
- 24 (4) nonresident 14-day sport fishing license 25
- 25 (5) nonresident seven-day sport fishing license 20
- 26 (6) nonresident three-day sport fishing license 10
- 27 (7) nonresident one-day sport fishing license 5
- 28 (8) nonresident annual sport fishing license 40
- 29 (9) special nonresident military small game and sport fishing license .
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- 31 (10) special nonresident military sport fishing license 4.

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