

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-2107/1	Introduction Number	AB-0176	Estimate Type	Original
Description Minimum harvesting requirements for commercial fishing in the Great Lakes					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill eliminates the Department's authority to use annual minimum harvest requirements in its rules governing the renewal of Great Lakes commercial fishing licenses.

State Fiscal Effect

There are currently 57 active licenses for Lake Michigan and 10 active licenses for Lake Superior, for an overall total of 67 active commercial licenses. The current cost for a commercial fishing license is \$899.25 for resident and \$6,499.25 for nonresident.

The bill would have no significant impact on the costs that the Department would incur to manage and regulate the state's commercial fishing industry, nor is it expected to have a significant impact on the number of licenses that are issued annually by the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications