



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/9/2011

LRB Number	11-0696/1	Introduction Number	AB-0035	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Culling of bass in a fishing tournament					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill specifically authorizes culling at bass fishing tournaments and exempts the culling from any applicable bag limits imposed by statute or rule.

#### General Assumptions

The Department estimates that the bill will likely increase the number of fishing tournaments requesting permits and the associated application fees from two sources: 1) small tournaments that currently do not require a permit will likely apply for a permit which authorizes them to cull and 2) large, out-of-state tournaments which previously did not come to Wisconsin because they were not allowed to cull. In 2010, permits were issued to 182 catch-hold-release bass tournaments.

#### Revenue Assumptions:

The Department estimates the number of annual permit requests from small tournaments to increase by 35%, which means 64 additional permit applications at \$25 each, resulting in an increase in revenue of \$1,600.

We estimate an additional 5 large, out-of-state tournaments to apply for permits each year at \$200 each, resulting in an increase of \$1,000.

Total increase in revenue:  $\$1,600 + \$1,000 = \$2,600$ .

#### Cost Assumptions:

Based on the aforementioned increases in permit applications, the Department estimates that it will incur additional operating costs.

**LTE Costs**--The Department estimates that it takes approximately 1.75 hours of LTE time to process a fishing tournament application, answer questions, and enter results. Assuming an increase of 69 tournaments annually, this translates to \$1,900 in additional operating expenses (69 tournaments x 1.75 hrs./permit x \$16/hr. = \$1,900 rounded).

**FTE Costs**--The Department would incur additional operating costs from staff that are involved with permit processing as well as outreach/education, which typically involves addressing scheduling conflicts, answering questions, attending meetings, and attending tournaments.

Permit processing for staff typically takes 1 hour for all types of events. Using an average Fisheries Biologist's wage and fringe of \$31/hour, the Department estimates staff costs for permit processing to increase by \$2,100 annually (69 permits x \$31/hour = \$2,100 rounded).

Outreach/education functions for small tournaments typically average 2 hours/tournament. Therefore, using an average Fisheries Biologist's wage and fringe of \$31/hour, the Department estimates staff costs for small tournament outreach/education to increase by \$4,000 annually (64 permits x \$31/hour x 2 hrs/permit = \$4,000 rounded).

Outreach/education for larger tournaments where a biologist and technician may need to attend to facilitate proper fish care and data collection would likely be 20 hours/tournament (15 hrs. for biologist, 5 hrs. for technician). Therefore, using an average Fisheries Biologist's wage and fringe of \$31/hour, the Department estimates Biologist staff costs for large tournament outreach/education to increase by \$2,300 annually (5 permits x \$31/hour x 15 hrs/permit = \$2,300 rounded). Using an average Fisheries Technician's wage and fringe of \$25/hour, the Department estimates Technician staff costs for large tournament outreach/education to increase by \$600 annually (5 permits x \$25/hour x 5 hrs/permit = \$600 rounded).

Total LTE and FTE costs are estimated to be \$10,900 annually.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$10,900	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S (Conservation Fund)	10,900	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S (Conservation Fund)	2,600	
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$10,900	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$2,600	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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