



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/28/2011

LRB Number	11-0696/1	Introduction Number	AB-0035	Estimate Type	Updated
<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 20%, which means 36 additional permit applications at \$25 each, resulting in an increase in revenue of \$900.

We estimate an additional 3 large, out-of-state tournaments to apply for permits each year at \$200 each, resulting in an increase of \$600.

Total increase in revenue:  $\$900 + \$600 = \$1,500$ .

#### 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 39 tournaments annually, this translates to \$1,100 in additional operating expenses (39 tournaments x 1.75 hrs./permit x \$16/hr. = \$1,100 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 \$1,200 annually (39 permits x \$31/hour = \$1,200 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 \$2,200 annually (36 permits x \$31/hour x 2 hrs/permit = \$2,200 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 \$1,400 annually (3 permits x \$31/hour x 15 hrs/permit = \$1,400 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 \$400 annually (3 permits x \$25/hour x 5 hrs/permit = \$400 rounded).

Total LTE and FTE costs are estimated to be \$6,300 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	\$6,300	\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	6,300		
<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	1,500		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$6,300	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$1,500	\$	
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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