

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-1794/1	Introduction Number	SB-062	Estimate Type	Original
Description 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

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Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$6,300		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$6,300		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	6,300		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	1,500		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$1,500		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>		<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$6,300		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$1,500		\$
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