

**FISCAL NOTE**

Under this bill, the Game and Fish Commission (Commission) may set daily limits on the number of commercially guided fishing boats allowed to launch into any section of river. The Game and Fish Department (Department) provided the estimated expenditure increase from the Game and Fish Fund assuming the Commission will set daily limits on the number of commercially guided fishing boats.

Source of revenue increase:

According to the Department, current law does not provide the Department authority to charge a fee for the issuance of boat launch permits. Therefore, no additional revenue is anticipated.

|                                  | FY 2024   | FY 2025   | FY 2026   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b> |           |           |           |
| Anticipated Expenditure increase |           |           |           |
| GAME & FISH FUND                 | \$872,882 | \$661,902 | \$661,902 |

Source of expenditure increase:

Additional personnel will be required for the administration and enforcement of this program. Each major drainage area over which the Commission has jurisdiction shall be surveyed annually to determine the percent of commercially guided fishing boats to the total number of watercraft per stretch of river. Personnel will set up data-gathering camera equipment on multiple stretches of river within the major drainage areas to review, analyze, and document the data collected.

If the Commission determines that daily launch limits of commercially guided fishing boats are warranted, public meetings will be held in the major drainage area to gather public comment. Personnel will monitor the major drainage areas to enforce that commercially guided boats are in possession of a valid boat launch permit.

Information technology programming time will be required to develop a new licensing application, with a secondary customer table specific to commercial boat guides for the allocation of boat launch permits for impacted stretches of river within the major drainage areas.

Assumptions:

Five additional full-time employees will be hired, and the supplies, equipment, and vehicles required to carry out the ongoing tasks described above will be purchased. One Program Administrator (BAPM09), four Game Wardens (FWGW10), five computers, four cell phones, four drift boats, four trucks, data collection equipment, and uniform allowances will be acquired. Personnel (0100 series) costs are estimated at \$616,800/year. Support services (0200 series) costs for supplies and equipment, in-state travel, vehicle operating and maintenance and data services are estimated at \$41,952/year plus \$177,000 in FY 2024 for data gathering cameras, three-quarter ton trucks and drift boats. Central data services (0400 series) costs for four cell phones are estimated at \$2,550/year plus \$7,700 in FY 2024 for computers. Contractual Services (0900 series) costs are estimated at \$600/year for printing of stickers.

Programming to allocate launch permits will require the establishment of an online portal to allow for application of permits with the ability to create a reusable user ID. The system must accept both a first-come, first-served allocation model and a pool of applicants for later draw model. The system will require functionality to report draw results to customers, the ability for customers to modify and/or withdraw from a random draw. The system will require business rules to provide various limits for permits by impacted stretches of river. If permits are renewable without drawing, the system will need a mechanism to allow for this. The system will need the ability to generate public reports showing ownership of launch permits. Development of extensive reporting functionality as well as comprehensive testing prior to implementation will be necessary. Application development is estimated at 450 hours at \$58.40 per hour for a total one-time cost of \$26,280.

The expenditure increase reflected above could be considered an administrative cost. However, for simplicity and to follow consistent practice on legislation of this type, it is included on the fiscal note.