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 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Expands Oyster Seed Ground Development Account Uses	

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 Expands the uses of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account

Proposed law expands use of the Oyster Seed Ground Development Account within the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund to include research into oyster propagation and habitat, oyster hatchery operations, and administrative functions of the oyster lease and survey section of the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may impact expenditures of the Oyster Seed Ground Development Account within the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund, as this bill expands the uses of the account. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes expenditures associated with public oyster seed grounds will match funds in the Oyster Seed Ground Development Account as appropriated by the legislature. To the extent that legislative appropriation allows, the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries may expend more from the account than in previous fiscal years due to the addition of new functions outlined in the proposed legislation.

For reference, the Oyster Seed Ground Development Account has a current year appropriation of approximately \$2.45 M with revenue collections of approximately \$3 M. Expenditures in FY 16 total \$364,282, leaving the account with a current unencumbered balance of approximately \$2.65 M. The account had a FY 15 appropriation of \$2.45 M, including a FY 14 carryforward of \$1.33 M with net expenditures totaling \$932,000. In addition, Act 343 of 2015 allowed the Oyster Seed Ground Development Account to receive funds from payment of oyster lease rentals. The account has received approximately \$1.2 M from this source in FY 16, which is revenue the account had not captured in the past. As revenues have frequently exceeded historical actual expenditures, the Legislative Fiscal Office assumes an expansion of the authorized uses of monies in the account may lead to an increase in expenditures in excess of average historical actuals.

The Oyster Seed Ground Development Account receives revenues derived from compensation for impacts associated with activities occurring on or over public oyster seed grounds, seed reservations, and tonging areas. Additionally, the account receives all revenues received from the payment of oyster lease rentals.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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