

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 50** HLS 202ES 128  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Fees	

FISHING/OYSTERS OR -\$25,750 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Reduces the oyster seed ground vessel permit fee and creates associated gear fees (Item #32)

Proposes to lower the yearly permit fee for the Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit from \$250 to \$50 for a resident and from \$1,000 to \$200 for a nonresident. Proposed law also creates the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license, for the harvest of oysters on public seed grounds using a single scraper, at \$200 per year for a resident and \$800 a year for a nonresident. The proposed law also allows fishers to purchase a second gear license in order to operate a second scraper on their vessel.

Current law requires fishers to only possess the Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit, while the proposed law requires that fishers possess a vessel permit fee and a gear license in order to harvest oysters from the public seed grounds.

Effective December 27, 2020.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$128,750)
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>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>	<b>(\$25,750)</b>	<b>(\$128,750)</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There will be a decrease in revenue of a minimum of \$25,750 each fiscal year to the statutorily dedicated Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account for the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) as a result of this measure. The revenue loss is a conservative estimate as the proposed law enables a vessel owner to hold a permit without obtaining a gear license unless harvesting oysters on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds. LDWF calculated the decrease in revenue based upon the historical data from license year 2019.

**Current Law**

Resident Permit

Single Scraper \$250 x 114 permits = \$28,500  
 2nd Scraper \$500 x 351 permits = \$175,500  
 Total Resident Revenue = \$204,000

Nonresident Permit

Single Scraper \$1,000 x 36 permits = \$36,000  
 2nd Scraper \$2,000 x 41 permits = \$82,000  
 Total Nonresident Revenue = \$118,000

TOTAL REVENUE UNDER CURRENT LAW = \$322,000

**Proposed Law**

Resident Permit and Gear License

Permit \$50 x 465 permits = \$23,250  
 Single Scraper Gear License  
 \$200 x 465 licenses = \$93,000  
 2nd Scraper Gear License  
 \$200 x 351 licenses = \$70,200  
 Total Estimated Resident Revenue = \$186,450

Nonresident Permit and Gear License

Permit \$200 x 77 permits = \$15,400  
 Single Scraper Gear License  
 \$800 x 77 licenses = \$61,600  
 2nd Scraper Gear License  
 \$800 x 41 licenses = \$32,800  
 Total Estimated Resident Revenue = \$109,800

TOTAL REVENUE UNDER PROPOSED LAW = \$296,250

**NET REVENUE DIFFERENCE (\$25,750)**

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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