



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 147

**Short Title:** SPORT FISH FACILITY BONDS/SURCHARGES

### Summary:

- Establishes a sport fishing facility surcharge to pay the principal and interest on up to \$69 million in revenue bonds to finance the construction and renovation of fisheries rehabilitation, enhancement and development projects that benefit sport fishing.
- Sets the amount of the license surcharge at: \$9 for a resident sport fishing license and other resident licenses with fishing as a component of a combined license, nonresident one-day sport fishing, nonresident military small game and sport fishing, and nonresident military sport fishing; \$15 for nonresident three-day sport fishing; \$25 for nonresident seven-day sport fishing; \$30 for nonresident 14-day sport fishing; and \$45 for nonresident annual sport fishing.
- Bonds do not constitute a general obligation of the state.
- Directs the Commissioner of Revenue to transfer any unexpended and unobligated bond proceeds to the bond redemption fund and pay any outstanding debt, if owed, once the facilities are completed.
- Terminates facility surcharge once the bonds have been paid in full.

### Benefits:

- Provides for the renovation and expansion of the Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf facilities to meet Southcentral needs.
- Provides for a new hatchery in Fairbanks to meet the demands of the Interior region.
- Modern hatcheries can be expanded to meet expected demand for generations to come.

### Background:

- Alaska has an ever-growing demand for fish stocks as more people want to fish. Resident populations are growing and tourist demand for recreational opportunity is increasing. At the same time, sport fish production is decreasing. Alaska's only sport fish hatcheries are located at Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base. Both are more than 30 years old and nearing the end of their useful life. Compounding the problem, biomass production will soon plummet. Hatcheries require warm water to enhance growth in baby fish. Waste heat from the Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf power plants has provided that energy for many years, but both power plants plan to shut down hot water production in October. As a result, biomass production will suffer simultaneously with increasing demand. In addition to the revenue enhancing measures proposed in the bill, federal funds have been procured to meet increased demand due to military expansion.