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Changes between original HB 25 and CS HB 25 (CRA):

- **CS creates a “hold-harmless” payment for cities with a population of 500 or less and boroughs with a population of 3,000 or less. This will apply to 52 cities, and five boroughs. These municipalities will not see a decrease in the amount of Shared Fishery Business Tax on exported/unprocessed fish that they receive under the revenue sharing program administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The hold-harmless payment will be taken off the top of the exported/unprocessed fish tax money. The payment to the cities and boroughs where the fish was landed will be made subsequent to the hold-harmless payment. This will decrease an estimated 40% the amount intended to return to ports of landing under the original bill.**
- **CS changes language from a tax on fish “sold to a buyer in a municipality” to fish “first landed in a municipality.” This ensures that the exported/unprocessed tax will be directed to municipalities where the fish was physically landed and handled, not to municipalities in which a processor or exporter is permitted, or resides.**
- **CS incorporates a technical amendment changing the tax collection year from a fiscal to a calendar year at the suggestion of the Department of Revenue. The fiscal year language in the original bill was an oversight.**