



Good news for those who enjoy Alaska's recreational fisheries

The Alaska State Legislature gave final approval to Senate Bill 147, and on August 23, 2005, Governor Murkowski signed the bill into law. This law authorizes funding for the design and construction of two new sport fish hatcheries. One, located in Fairbanks, will be designed to meet the stocking needs of the Fairbanks, Delta and Glennallen areas.

The second facility will be located in the Anchorage area and will primarily serve the Southcentral

region. Design work is expected to begin by late 2005, with construction completed by 2008 or 2009. The funding for these projects will come from the resource users in the form of a surcharge on recreational fishing licenses.

Money accruing to the state from the sport fishing facility surcharge will go into a separate "Alaska Sport Fishing Enterprise" account within the Fish and Game Fund. The Enterprise Account is then used to pay the principal and inter-

est on revenue bonds for capital projects directly benefiting license purchasers.

It is the Department's firm commitment to honor the trust shown by the leaders of our state by designing and constructing the most efficient and productive facilities possible with today's proven technology.

For more information about Senate Bill 147, visit <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/24/Bills/SB0147Z.PDF>.

Licenses and facility surcharges

Surcharge effective for 2006 licenses. If not listed below, then no facility surcharge applies, and the fee is the same as in 2005.

Non-resident sport fishing licenses and surcharges.

For those 16 and older who have been in the state fewer than 12 months. Days must be consecutive.

One day license . . .	\$20 (includes \$10 surcharge)
Three-day license . . .	\$35 (includes \$15 surcharge)
Seven-day license . . .	\$55 (includes \$25 surcharge)
Fourteen-day license . . .	\$80 (includes \$30 surcharge)
Annual license . . .	\$145 (includes \$45 surcharge)

Resident recreational licenses and surcharges.

Main definition of resident: a person who has maintained a permanent home in Alaska for 12 consecutive months or longer. Other residency criteria apply, carefully read license before signing. Required of most Alaskans who are 16 - 59 years old. Others may be exempt, check at ADF&G offices. Good from date of purchase through December 31, except the trapping portion good through Sept. 30 of the next year.

Sport fishing . . .	\$24 (includes \$9 surcharge)
Combination sport fishing and hunting . . .	\$48 (includes \$9 surcharge)
Combination sport fishing hunting, and trapping . . .	\$62 (includes \$9 surcharge)

Active duty military recreational licenses and surcharges.

For non-residents who are permanently stationed in Alaska, and their dependents. Good from date of purchase through December 31.

Sport fishing . . .	\$24 (includes \$9 surcharge)
Small game and sport fishing . . .	\$48 (includes \$9 surcharge)

➤ Sport fishing licenses are sold at retailers across Alaska, or you can purchase and print licenses in your own home from www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/

➤ Sport fishing opening dates, in-season fishing reports, and free publications are posted at www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/SF_home.cfm
➤ OEO/ADA Statement: www.adfg.state.ak.us/oeostate.php