

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0228

Title: Limit nonresident fishing on certain streams

Primary Sponsor: Daniel Fuchs

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	42,125	78,500
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue		30,000
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	X		Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) currently has one recreational river use management plan for the Smith River. The draft recreational river use management plan for the Beaverhead and Bighole rivers does not propose to limit nonresident usage.
2. The department will prepare one recreational river use management plan each biennium for the next three biennia that will limit the number of non-resident anglers. FWP is unable to estimate what the fee set by the commission will be, but for this fiscal note it will be assumed that the revenue gained from the new permit will be offset by the loss of nonresident fishing license revenue.
3. During the next biennium, the commission will adopt one recreation river use management plan that will limit nonresident anglers on a Montana river. The first restrictions will go into effect March 1, 2003.
4. The recreation river use management plans will limit nonresident angling to a certain number of angler days for a given period of time. These caps will equal current nonresident use on those rivers.

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5. Those nonresident anglers who are not successful in the trophy trout water angling permit drawing will either be displaced to other waters in Montana or they will not come to Montana to fish. The latter will result in lost revenue for the department. The agency is unable to estimate this lost revenue.
6. It will be necessary to hire additional staff to administer and monitor the provisions of the nonresident trophy trout water permit similar to the Smith River rangers. In FY 2003, the department will need 0.50 FTE (grade 14). Additional operations of \$4,000 will be needed for travel and supplies.
7. The technical development of a drawing system flexible enough to use for any and all rivers will require 400 hours. This will be contracted out at \$75 per hour. The drawing system will be developed during FY 2002.
8. The department will need 0.25 FTE (grade 14) in FY 2002 and 0.50 FTE (grade 14) to manage the contract, test the new system and administer the drawings. Additional operations of \$2,000 in FY 2002 and \$4,000 in FY2003 will be needed for supplies and materials.
9. There will be an initial outreach required to inform nonresident season license holders and big game combination license holders about the required trophy trout water angling permit. Form production would cost \$1,250 and postage would cost \$10,540.
11. There will a \$3.00 drawing fee required to offset the costs of issuing and processing the nonresident trophy trout water angling permit.
12. The department estimates that 10,000 nonresidents will apply for the trophy trout angling permit in FY 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
FTE	0.25	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	10,125	40,500
Operating Expenses	<u>32,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
TOTAL	\$42,125	\$78,500
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$42,125	\$78,500
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)		\$30,000
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure)</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$42,125)	(\$48,500)

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. There has historically been a 10 percent annual increase in non-resident angling use on Montana's most popular rivers. It is these anglers who would be displaced to other rivers in Montana or who would not come to Montana at all. If these anglers choose not to fish in Montana, the department could see a leveling off of non-resident fishing license revenue.
2. Additional river rangers will be needed to administer the provisions of the nonresident trophy trout water angling permit as additional rivers limit non-resident anglers.