

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATION

Delete Class B Bear License

Motion:

Move to delete the Class B bear license and increase the Class A bear application fee from \$3 to \$4.50. In addition, specify that no license is required to conduct any of the following activities as long as the activities are not conducted for the purpose of shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, or killing, the bear: (a) assist a person in hunting bear by tracking bear, trailing bear or engaging in any other activity to locate bear; (b) bait bear; (c) train a dog to track bear, to trail bear or to otherwise engage in any activity that contributes to locating bear.

Note:

Under current law, a Class A bear license is required to hunt (harvest) bear and a Class B bear license (\$14 resident and \$110 nonresident) is required to pursue bear. The application fee for a Class A bear license or a preference point is currently \$3. Under the motion, a license would no longer be required to pursue bear. The increased application fee would result in increased revenue to the fish and wildlife account of approximately \$150,000 SEG annually, and the deletion of the Class B bear license would result in an estimated loss in revenue of approximately \$115,000 SEG annually to the fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund.

[Change to Bill: \$70,000 SEG REV]

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