

**2015 Legislature - Operating Budget
Transaction Compare - House Structure
Between 16GovAmd+ and House Fin2**

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| Numbers and Language Differences Agencies: DEC |
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Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

| | Column | Trans Type | Total Expenditure | Personal Services | Travel | Services | Commodities | Capital Outlay | Grants | Misc | PFT | PPT | TMP |
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| Environmental Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory Services | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMD: Fund Fish Tissue Monitoring Program with Ocean Ranger Fees | 16GovAmd+ | FndChg | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <p><i>The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) created the Fish Tissue Monitoring program in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Social Services and Fish and Game, to show that Alaska's fish are safe for subsistence, recreational, and commercial consumers. The program came into existence in response to EPA instituting a national advisory to restrict fish consumption based on their monitoring data collected outside Alaskan waters. The advisory would have applied to Alaska. Therefore, in FY2002, Alaska instituted its own program to conduct on-going fish tissue testing which provides supporting data that enables the state to override the federal fish consumption guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>The department recognizes the need to secure a durable funding source for this important program. This fund source change will replace a portion of the general funds currently used for the Department's Fish Tissue Monitoring program with Ocean Ranger fees. Under the authority of AS 46.03.480, an Ocean Ranger fee of \$4 per berth is imposed on all large commercial passenger vessels. Those fees are retained in a sub-account of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fund. Under the authority of AS 46.03.488, the department may engage in "monitoring and studying of direct or indirect environmental effects of those vessels" with these funds. Continuous biological surveillance of the healthfulness of Alaska's wild seafood stocks is a highly effective measure of the long-term environmental impact of commercial passenger vessel traffic in Alaskan waters.</i></p> <p><i>This fund source change is offset by a corresponding decrement of Ocean Ranger fees in the Water Quality component, which maintains the department's status quo utilization of these receipts. This change will have no impact on the delivery of direct services to the public.</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | | | -250.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1205 Ocn Ranger (DGF) | | | 250.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reduce Fund Fish Tissue Monitoring Program | House Fin2 | Dec | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | | | -250.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| * Allocation Difference * | | | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ** Appropriation Difference ** | | | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Water

Water Quality

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| AMD: Reduce Ocean Ranger Vessel Coverage to allow use of fees in laboratory services for fish tissue monitoring | 16GovAmd+ | Dec | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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This decrement offsets a corresponding increase of Ocean Ranger fee receipt usage in the Laboratory Services component by the Fish Tissue Monitoring program. Under the authority of AS 46.03.480, an Ocean Ranger fee of \$4 per berth is imposed on all large commercial passenger vessels. Those fees are retained in a sub-account of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fund. Under the authority of AS 46.03.488, the Department may engage in "monitoring and studying of direct or indirect environmental effects of those vessels." Continuous biological surveillance of the healthfulness of Alaska's wild seafood stocks is a highly effective measure of the long-term environmental impact of commercial passenger vessel traffic in Alaskan waters.

The net effect of this decrement will be a small reduction in the number of cruise ship voyages in Alaska waters

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| Water (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Quality (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMD: Reduce Ocean Ranger Vessel Coverage to allow use of fees in laboratory services for fish tissue monitoring (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>that have an Ocean Ranger on board. This effect is mitigated by the department's increased experience with the Ocean Ranger program and more strategic targeting of resources. Even with this reduction, the Department will strive to have an Ocean Ranger presence on every vessel for part of every cruise ship season.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1205 Ocn Ranger (DGF) | | | -250.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| * Allocation Difference * | | | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ** Appropriation Difference ** | | | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *** Agency Difference *** | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **** All Agencies Difference **** | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -250.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Column Definitions

16GovAmd+ (16Governor's Amended +) -

House Fin2 (FY16 House Finance) - The version of the FY2016 operating bill adopted by the House Finance Committee.