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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 220
Department or Agency: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Rule No.: 220-3-.84
Rule Title: Fees
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? Yes

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Christopher M. Blankenship
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MAY 26, 2026

Date

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-3-.84 Fees

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To increase several statutorily authorized commercial and recreational fees assessed by the Marine Resources Division pursuant to the authority of Act 2015-441 (HB216, 2015 Regular Legislative Session), now codified at Section 41-1-11, Code of Alabama, 1975.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of Marine Resources Division at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of Marine Resources Division, and then by personally appearing at Alabama Marine Resources Division Office located at 2 Iberville Drive, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Heidi Bowers at (334) 242-3165 or heidi.bowers@dcnr.alabama.gov. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

Fees.

Act 2015-441 authorizes any state agency that statutorily levies or assesses fees to fund its operations and programs to increase those fees by means provided in the Act. Pursuant to the authority of Act 2015-441, certain statutory fees related to the Marine Resources Division have been increased. See the table below for a list of increased fees. The statutory fees in column three are increased to the amounts in column four.

FEEES			
1	2	3	4
Authorizing Statutes	Description	Statutory Fee	New fee Authorized by Act 2015-441
9-11-94.1	Tarpon Tag	\$50 \$66	<u>\$72</u>
<u>9-12-9</u>	<u>Commercial Saltwater Fishing Reef Fish Endorsement</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$275</u>
<u>9-12-9</u>	<u>Commercial Party Boat (1-6 passengers) Reef Fish Endorsement</u>	\$66 <u>\$150</u>	<u>\$165</u>
9-11-171 <u>9-12-9</u>	Resident annual spearfishing license <u>Commercial Party Boat (7-25 passengers) Reef Fish Endorsement</u>	\$5 <u>\$200</u>	<u>\$220</u>
<u>9-12-9</u>	<u>Commercial Party Boat (over 25 passengers) Reef Fish Endorsement</u>	\$6	
9-11-171 <u>9-12-9</u>	Nonresident seven-day spearfishing license	\$5	\$6
9-11-171	Nonresident annual spearfishing license	\$7.50	\$9 <u>\$275</u>
9-12-54.1	Resident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck)	\$100 <u>\$115</u>	\$115 <u>\$126</u>
9-12-54.1	Resident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks)	\$200 <u>\$231</u>	<u>\$254</u>
<u>9-12-54.1</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Nonreciprocal state.)</u>	\$231	<u>\$252</u>

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<u>9-12-54.1</u> —	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks. Nonreciprocal state.)</u>	<u>\$462</u>	<u>\$508</u>
9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2—	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Florida resident.)</u>	\$200 <u>\$1,100</u>	— -\$231 <u>\$1,500</u>
9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Louisiana resident.)</u>	Resident <u>\$231</u>	<u>\$254</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks. Louisiana resident.)</u>	\$400 <u>\$462</u>	<u>\$508</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$231</u>	<u>\$252</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks. Mississippi resident.)</u>	\$462	<u>\$508</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$646</u>	<u>\$710</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$999</u>	<u>\$1,362</u>

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<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (one live bait catcher boat and one transport truck. Texas resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,194</u>	<u>\$1,906</u>
<u>9-12-54.1 & 9-12-54.2</u>	<u>Nonresident live saltwater bait dealers license (two live bait catcher boats and two transport trucks. Texas resident.)</u>	<u>\$2,178</u>	<u>\$2,081</u>
9-12-82	Resident commercial oyster catcher license	\$25 <u>\$33</u>	\$33 <u>\$36</u>
9-12-82 & 9-12-80	Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (<u>Reciprocal state</u>)	\$50 <u>\$66</u>	<u>\$72</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (Florida resident)</u>	<u>\$220</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$1,274</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (Mississippi resident)</u>	\$66 <u>\$119</u>	<u>\$120</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$206</u>	<u>\$255</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial oyster catcher license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$2,424</u>	<u>\$2,205</u>
9-12-82	Resident oyster aquaculture license	<u>\$273</u>	<u>\$300</u>
<u>9-12-82 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster aquaculture license</u>	<u>\$273</u>	<u>\$300</u>
9-12-87	Resident oyster dredge license	\$25 <u>\$33</u>	\$33 <u>\$36</u>
9-12-87 & 9-12-80	Nonresident oyster dredge license (<u>Reciprocal state</u>)	\$50 <u>\$66</u>	<u>\$72</u>
<u>9-12-87 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster dredge license (Florida resident)</u>	\$66	<u>\$72</u>

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<u>9-12-87 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster dredge license (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$220</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>9-12-87 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster dredge license (Mississippi resident)</u>	<u>\$229</u>	<u>\$251</u>
<u>9-12-87 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster dredge license (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$66</u>	<u>\$72</u>
<u>9-12-87 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident oyster dredge license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
9-12-93	Recreational shrimp boat license	\$15 <u>\$19</u>	\$19 <u>\$20</u>
9-12-93	Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Nonreciprocal state)	\$30 <u>\$39</u>	<u>\$40</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Florida resident)</u>	\$39	<u>\$80</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$183</u>	<u>\$128</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Mississippi resident)</u>	<u>\$39</u>	<u>\$40</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$82</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational shrimp boat license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$66</u>	<u>\$73</u>
9-12-93	Resident commercial shrimp boat license (under 30 feet in length)	\$50 <u>\$66</u>	\$66 <u>\$72</u>
9-12-93	Resident commercial shrimp boat license (30 to 45 feet in length)	\$75 <u>\$99</u>	\$99 <u>\$108</u>
9-12-93	Resident commercial shrimp boat license (over 45 feet in length)	\$100 <u>\$132</u>	\$132 <u>\$145</u>

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9-12-93	Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (under 30 feet in length. Nonreciprocal state.)	\$100 <u>\$132</u>	\$132 <u>\$144</u>
9-12-93	Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (30 to 45 feet in length. Nonreciprocal state.)	\$150 <u>\$198</u>	\$198 <u>\$216</u>
9-12-93	Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (30 to 45 feet in length. Nonreciprocal state.)	\$150	\$198
9-12-93	Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (over 45 feet in length. Nonreciprocal state.)	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$290</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (Florida resident)</u>	\$200 <u>\$440</u>	<u>\$400</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$834</u>	<u>\$1,260</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (under 30 feet in length. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$144</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (30 to 45 feet in length. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$198</u>	<u>\$216</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (over 45 feet in length. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$290</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (under 30 feet in length. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$271</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (30 to 45 feet in length. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$316</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (over 45 feet in length. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$481</u>	<u>\$481</u>
<u>9-12-93</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial shrimp boat license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$2,678</u>	<u>\$2,436</u>

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9-12-95	Resident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers)	\$200 <u>\$264</u>	\$264 <u>\$290</u>
9-12-95	Resident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers)	\$300 <u>\$396</u>	\$396 <u>\$435</u>
9-12-95	Resident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers)	\$500 <u>\$660</u>	\$660 <u>\$726</u>
9-12-95 & 9-12-80	Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. <u>Nonreciprocal state.</u>)	\$400 <u>\$528</u>	\$528 <u>\$580</u>
9-12-95 & 9-12-80	Nonresident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers. <u>Nonreciprocal state.</u>)	\$600 <u>\$792</u>	\$792 <u>\$870</u>
9-12-95 & 9-12-80	Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. <u>Nonreciprocal state.</u>)	\$1,000 <u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,452</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. Florida resident.)</u>	<u>\$528</u>	<u>\$580</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers. Florida resident.)</u>	<u>\$792</u>	<u>\$870</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. Florida resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,452</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. Louisiana resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,164</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers. Louisiana resident.)</u>	<u>\$2,264</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. Louisiana resident.)</u>	<u>\$2,264</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$528</u>	<u>\$580</u>
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<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. Mississippi resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,452</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$528</u>	<u>\$580</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers. Georgia resident.)</u>	<u>\$792</u>	<u>\$870</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. Georgia Resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,452</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (up to 6 passengers. Texas resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,153</u>	<u>\$1,050</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (7 to 25 passengers. Texas resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,153</u>	<u>\$1,050</u>
<u>9-12-95 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial party boat (more than 25 passengers. Texas resident.)</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,050</u>
9-12-113	Resident Commercial Saltwater Fishing License	\$100 <u>\$132</u>	\$132 <u>\$145</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license (Nonreciprocal state)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$290</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident Commercial Saltwater Fishing License commercial saltwater fishing license (Florida resident)</u>	\$200 <u>\$264</u>	<u>\$290</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license (Mississippi resident)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$800</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$290</u>

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<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$264</u>	<u>\$1,540</u>
9-12-113	Resident commercial saltwater net or seine permit	\$300 <u>\$396</u>	\$396 <u>\$435</u>
9-12-113	Additional fee to be added to resident commercial saltwater net or seine permit when taking Roe Mullet and Spanish Mackerel	\$500 <u>\$660</u>	\$660 <u>\$726</u>
9-12-113	Resident commercial purse seine license	\$1,500 <u>permit</u>	\$1,980
9-12-113	Nonresident commercial saltwater net or seine permit	\$1,500	\$1,980
9-12-113	Additional fee to be added to nonresident commercial saltwater net or seine permit when taking & Roe Mullet and Spanish Mackerel	\$2,500	\$3,300
9-12-113 9-12-80	Nonresident commercial purse seine license	\$3,000 <u>permit (Nonreciprocal state)</u>	\$3,960
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial purse seine permit (Florida resident)</u>	<u>\$3,960</u>	<u>\$4,356</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial purse seine permit (Louisiana resident)</u>	<u>\$3,960</u>	<u>\$9,020</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial purse seine permit (Mississippi resident)</u>	<u>\$3,960</u>	<u>\$4,356</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial purse seine permit (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$3,960</u>	<u>\$4,356</u>
<u>9-12-113 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident commercial purse seine permit (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$3,960</u>	<u>\$4,356</u>
9-12-123-	Resident recreational gill net license	\$50	\$66

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9-12-123 & 9-12-80—	Nonresident recreational gill net license (<u>Nonreciprocal state</u>)	\$100 \$132	<u>\$144</u>
<u>9-12-123 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational gill net license (Florida resident)</u>	<u>\$220</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>9-12-123 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational gill net license (Louisiana resident)</u>	\$132	<u>\$144</u>
<u>9-12-123 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational gill net license (Mississippi resident)</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$144</u>
<u>9-12-123 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational gill net license (Georgia resident)</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$144</u>
<u>9-12-123 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident recreational gill net license (Texas resident)</u>	<u>\$132</u>	<u>\$144</u>
9-12-124	Resident crab catcher's license	\$50 <u>\$66</u>	\$66 <u>\$72</u>
9-12-124 & 9-12-80	Nonresident crab catcher's license	\$100 <u>(Nonreciprocal state)</u>	\$132
<u>9-12-124 & 9-12-80</u>	<u>Nonresident crab catcher's license (Florida resident)</u>	<u>\$356</u>	<u>\$325</u>
9-12-125 <u>9-12-124 & 9-12-80</u>	Resident seafood dealer <u>Nonresident crab catcher's license (Louisiana resident)</u>	\$200 <u>\$724</u>	— -\$264 <u>\$1,220</u>
9-12-125 <u>9-12-124 & 9-12-80</u>	Nonresident seafood dealer <u>crab catcher's license, except where nonresident state charge Alabama residents in excess of \$400 for the activity, in which case it shall be the amount the other state charges. (Mississippi resident)</u>	\$400 <u>\$220</u>	— -\$528 <u>\$220</u>
9-12-125 <u>9-12-124 & 9-12-80</u>	Resident and nonresident seafood dealer vehicle <u>Nonresident crab catcher's license (Georgia resident)</u>	\$100 <u>\$206</u>	<u>\$755</u>

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9-12-124 & 9-12-80	Nonresident crab catcher's license (Texas resident)	\$132 \$2,880	\$2,620
9-12-150	Permit for artificial reef construction	\$25 \$33	\$33 \$36

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship

Statutory Authority: Act 2015-441; Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-8, 9-2-12.

History: New Rule: Filed August 10, 2015; effective September 14, 2015. **Amended:** Published June 30, 2021; effective August 14, 2021. [Amended: Published](#) ; effective .

Penalty: As provided by law.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR APA RULE
(Section 41-22-23(f))**

Control No: 220

Department or Agency: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Rule No: 220-3-.84

Rule Title: Fees

Intended Action: Amend

 This rule has no economic impact.

 Yes This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:

The State Legislature recognized the need for state agencies to increase certain statutory fees by passing and enacting HB216 (Act 2015-441) during the 2015 regular legislative session. Act 2015-441 is now codified in Section 41-1-11, Code of Alabama, 1975. Many of the Marine Resources Division (MRD) fees established in statute have not been increased in more than 30 years while the costs of administering MRD programs have continued to rise. The proposed increased fees will better enable MRD to cover the costs of its fisheries management programs and statutory obligations.

2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:

The saltwater fisheries of Alabama are managed for maximum benefit to the fishermen and for protection of the resources. This regulation will further allow the Marine Resources Division to adequately manage the saltwater fisheries for long-term sustainability.

3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:

There should be no effect on competition.

4. **EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:**

The proposed increases in saltwater license fees should have a minimal impact on the cost of doing business. License costs are a very small portion of the total business expense of commercial saltwater fisheries.

5. **EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:**

The proposed Consumer Price Index increases to these saltwater license fees should have no effect on future employment.

6. **SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:**

There should be no administrative cost to implement the proposed regulation. However, if any costs are incurred, they will be paid from Marine Resources Division funds.

7. **THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON EFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:**

The fees derived from the implementation of this regulation will come from commercial and recreational fishermen and businesses. The Marine Resources Division will utilize these funds to better manage the fisheries. This will provide a short-term and long-term benefit to the same persons bearing the cost of these fees by allowing the Marine Resources Division to better manage the resources for long-term sustainability.

8. **UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:**

The burdens caused by this regulation should be minimal to the commercial and recreational saltwater fishermen. The benefits to the resources from better management of the saltwater fisheries should directly benefit the fisheries and, consequently, the commercial and recreational fishermen that utilize the resource.

9. **THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:**

The fees derived from this regulation will be used by the Marine Resources Division to better manage the commercial and recreational saltwater fisheries of the State of Alabama. This will have a positive impact on the environment and public health.

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10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:

If this regulation is not implemented, there will be no additional funds to improve the management of the saltwater fisheries. This has the potential to negatively affect the environment and the health of the saltwater fisheries.

Signature of certifying officer

Christopher M. Blankenship

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Date

Tuesday, May 26, 2026