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Honorable David Knight
Chairman, Games, Fish and Parks
228-A State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 208 (LC 40 1401ERS)

Dear Chairman Knight:

The bill would revise definitions, license requirements, and licenses fees related to hunting and fishing, as well as other licenses related to harvesting, ownership, display, and sale of wildlife. The bill would also revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimated revenue changes by using 2016 license sales data, adjusting for expected changes in customer buying patterns and sales volume that will result from the replacement of existing categories. The analysis found that the bill would increase annual state revenue by approximately \$11.6 million in fiscal year 2018 (Table 1). Due to population growth and anticipated DNR marketing efforts, it is likely that license fee revenue would experience growth in subsequent years. However, DNR is unable to quantify future year growth. For the purpose of this fiscal note, DNR assumes a floor of \$11.6 million between FY 2019 and FY 2022.

Table 1. Estimated Revenue Change due to HB 208

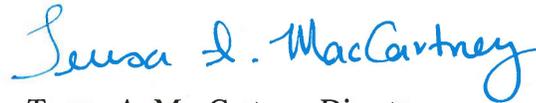
Revenue Type	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$42.0
Lifetime Licenses (to Wildlife Endowment Fund)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	7.0
Commercial Licenses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Boat Revenue	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	8.5
Total	\$11.6	\$11.6	\$11.6	\$11.6	\$11.6	\$58.1

* Figures in millions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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Teresa A. MacCartney, Director
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