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March 30, 2015

Senator Jimmy Holley
Chair
Legislative Council
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-4600

RE: CPI Cost Adjustment for Hunting and Fishing licenses

Dear Chairman Holley,

Pursuant to Sections 9-11-68 & 69 Code of Alabama, the Directors of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and the Division of Marine Resources, with the approval of the Commissioner, recommended to the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources an increase in hunting and fishing license and issuance fees based upon the annual increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)(All Items – U.S. City Average) as maintained by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics rounded down to the nearest nickel to be effective September 1, 2015. For hunting and fishing licenses the increase in the CPI was 1.66% and the cumulative increase in issuance fees since the last increase was 4.86%. The effect these increases will have on the licenses and issuance fees are reflected in the attachments hereto. At the March 28, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Board, this recommendation was unanimously approved and recommended for approval by the Legislative Council. Consequently, the recommendation of the Advisory Board to increase hunting and fishing license and issuance fees as noted above is hereby submitted to the Legislative Council for your review and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Gunter Guy, Jr.
Commissioner and Secretary of the
Advisory Board

Analysis of CPI Adjustment on License Costs and Annual Revenue Increases for License Year 2016

CPI All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items U. S. City Average October 2013	233.546
CPI All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items U. S. City Average October 2014	237.433
Increase in CPI Eligible to be Applied to License Fees per 9-11-88 and 9-11-89	3.887 See Code Sections Tab
% Increase in CPI	1.66% (3.887 / 233.546)

Lic Code	License Type	Current Lic Cost Less Issuance Fee	Proposed Lic Cost Less Issuance Fee	Round down To Nearest Nickel	Net Rev Inc Per License	2014 Lic Sold As of 9/3/14	Total Annual Increase
100/1100	Res A/G Hunting	\$24.70	\$25.11	\$25.10	\$0.40	174,812	\$69,924.80
100/1200	Res S/G Hunting	\$16.10	\$16.37	\$16.35	\$0.25	5,945	\$1,486.25
100/3000	Res Wildlife Mgmt Area	\$16.10	\$16.37	\$16.35	\$0.25	38,423	\$9,605.75
100/6100	Wildlife Heritage	\$9.60	\$9.76	\$9.75	\$0.15	3,556	\$533.40
150/1000	N/R A/G Hunt Annual	\$294.35	\$299.24	\$299.20	\$4.85	11,419	\$55,382.15
150/1100	N/R A/G Hunt 10 Day	\$181.05	\$184.06	\$184.05	\$3.00	3,165	\$9,485.00
150/1200	N/R A/G Hunt 3 Day	\$127.20	\$129.31	\$129.30	\$2.10	12,297	\$25,823.70
150/2000	N/R S/G Annual	\$94.80	\$96.37	\$96.35	\$1.55	1,681	\$2,605.55
150/2100	N/R S/G Hunt 10 Day	\$57.05	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$0.95	372	\$353.40
150/2200	N/R S/G Hunt 3 Day	\$40.90	\$41.58	\$41.55	\$0.65	3,706	\$2,408.90
150/3000	N/R Wildlife Mgmt Area	\$16.10	\$16.37	\$16.35	\$0.25	2,929	\$732.25
400/1250	Fur Catcher (Trapping)	\$20.00	\$20.33	\$20.30	\$0.30	1,039	\$311.70
100/2000	Veterans Apprec 50% Disabled	\$12.35	\$12.56	\$12.55	\$0.20	437	\$87.40
100/2500	Veterans Apprec 100% Disabled	\$2.00	\$2.03	\$2.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
200/1000	Freshwater Fishing	\$11.80	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$0.20	306,017	\$61,203.40
200/1700	State Lakes Daily FW Fishing	\$5.00	\$5.08	\$5.05	\$0.05	0	\$0.00
200/1700	State Lakes Annual FW Fishing	\$10.00	\$10.17	\$10.15	\$0.15	0	\$0.00
200/550	NR FW Family Fish 3 day	\$25.80	\$26.23	\$26.20	\$0.40	21	\$8.40
200/1100	Veterans Apprec 20% Disabled	\$2.00	\$2.03	\$2.00	\$0.00	1,158	\$0.00
200/2000	N/R FW Annual	\$47.35	\$48.14	\$48.10	\$0.75	31,470	\$23,602.50
200/2500	N/R FW Trip	\$25.80	\$26.23	\$26.20	\$0.40	35,368	\$14,147.20
700/1000	Res 64 FW Fishing	\$11.80	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$0.20	4,408	\$881.60
700/1210	Res 64 A/G Hunt	\$24.70	\$25.11	\$25.10	\$0.40	2,302	\$920.80
700/1220	Res 64 S/G Hunt	\$16.10	\$16.37	\$16.35	\$0.25	144	\$36.00
700/1510	Res 64 WL Heritage	\$9.60	\$9.76	\$9.75	\$0.15	39	\$5.85
Total Annual Increase to WFF Operating Funds							\$279,526.00
300/1010	Saltwater Fishing	\$21.55	\$21.91	\$21.90	\$0.35	44,660	\$15,631.00
300/1500	Saltwater Fishing Trip	\$8.50	\$8.64	\$8.60	\$0.10	18,820	\$1,882.00
300/1100	Res Pier Fishing	\$5.00	\$5.08	\$5.05	\$0.05	4,450	\$222.50
680/1200	Public Fishing Pier	\$1,000.00	\$1,016.60	\$1,016.60	\$16.60	1	\$16.60
300/2010	NR SW Annual	\$47.35	\$48.14	\$48.10	\$0.75	5,997	\$4,497.75
300/2500	NR SW Trip	\$25.80	\$26.23	\$26.20	\$0.40	27,101	\$10,840.40
300/2100	NR Pier Fishing	\$10.00	\$10.17	\$10.15	\$0.15	5,976	\$896.40
700/1100	Res 64 SW Fishing	\$21.55	\$21.91	\$21.90	\$0.35	728	\$254.80
Total Annual Increase to MR Operating Funds							\$34,241.45
770/7110	LT Hunt <2	\$323.45	\$328.82	\$328.80	\$5.35	15	\$80.25
770/7120	LT Hunt 2-11	\$431.30	\$438.48	\$438.45	\$7.15	4	\$28.60
770/7130	LT Hunt 12-49	\$539.05	\$548.00	\$548.00	\$8.95	220	\$1,969.00
770/7140	LT Hunt 50+	\$323.45	\$328.82	\$328.80	\$5.35	66	\$353.10
770/7210	LT FW Fish <2	\$161.65	\$164.33	\$164.30	\$2.65	17	\$45.05
770/7220	LT FW Fish 2-11	\$215.60	\$219.18	\$219.15	\$3.55	8	\$28.40
770/7230	LT FW Fish 12-49	\$269.55	\$274.02	\$274.00	\$4.45	425	\$1,891.25
770/7240	LT FW Fish 50+	\$161.65	\$164.33	\$164.30	\$2.65	296	\$784.40
770/7310	LT SW Fish <2	\$269.55	\$274.02	\$274.00	\$4.45	3	\$13.35
770/7320	LT SW Fish 2-11	\$323.45	\$328.82	\$328.80	\$5.35	1	\$5.35
770/7330	LT SW Fish 12-49	\$377.35	\$383.61	\$383.60	\$6.25	53	\$331.25
770/7340	LT SW Fish 50+	\$269.55	\$274.02	\$274.00	\$4.45	37	\$164.85
770/7410	LT Hunt/FW Fish <2	\$485.25	\$493.31	\$493.30	\$8.05	50	\$402.50
770/7420	LT Hunt/FW Fish 2-11	\$539.05	\$548.00	\$548.00	\$8.95	58	\$519.10
770/7430	LT Hunt/FW Fish 12-49	\$754.80	\$767.33	\$767.30	\$12.50	312	\$3,900.00
770/7440	LT Hunt/FW Fish 50+	\$485.25	\$493.31	\$493.30	\$8.05	97	\$780.85
770/7450	LT Wildlife Heritage	\$215.60	\$219.18	\$219.15	\$3.55	2	\$7.10
770/7510	LT FW SW Fish <2	\$431.30	\$438.48	\$438.45	\$7.15	1	\$7.15
770/7520	LT FW SW Fish 2-11	\$539.05	\$548.00	\$548.00	\$8.95	0	\$0.00
770/7530	LT FW SW Fish 12-49	\$647.00	\$657.74	\$657.70	\$10.70	39	\$417.30
770/7540	LT FW SW Fish 50+	\$431.30	\$438.48	\$438.45	\$7.15	17	\$121.55
770/7610	LT Hunt SW Fish <2	\$593.00	\$602.84	\$602.80	\$9.80	0	\$0.00
770/7620	LT Hunt SW Fish 2-11	\$754.80	\$767.33	\$767.30	\$12.50	3	\$37.50
770/7630	LT Hunt SW Fish 12-49	\$916.60	\$931.82	\$931.80	\$15.20	15	\$228.00
770/7640	LT Hunt SW Fish 50+	\$593.00	\$602.84	\$602.80	\$9.80	7	\$68.60
770/7710	LT Hunt FW SW Fish <2	\$754.80	\$767.33	\$767.30	\$12.50	13	\$162.50
770/7720	LT Hunt FW SW Fish 2-11	\$862.65	\$876.97	\$876.95	\$14.30	3	\$42.90
770/7730	LT Hunt FW SW Fish 12-49	\$1,132.25	\$1,151.05	\$1,151.05	\$18.80	108	\$2,030.40
770/7740	LT Hunt FW SW Fish 50+	\$754.80	\$767.33	\$767.30	\$12.50	25	\$312.50
Total Annual Increase to WFF and MR Endowment Funds							\$14,732.60

Analysis of CPI Adjustment on Issuance Fees for License Year 2016

CPI All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items U. S. City Average October 2011
 CPI All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items U. S. City Average October 2014
 Increase In CPI Eligible to be Applied to License Fees per 9-11-68 and 9-11-69
 % Increase In CPI

226,421	
237,433	
<u>11,012</u>	See Code Sections Tab
4.86%	(11.01 / 226.421)

In 2012 the amount of increase for issuance fees did not equal or exceed a nickel and therefore no increase was granted.
 Based on the code section, when no increase is granted in a year due to not reaching the nickel cutoff the next year it is looked at on a cumulative basis.

<u>Lic Code</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Current Issuance Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Issuance Fee</u>	<u>Round down To Nearest Nickel</u>	<u>Net Rev Inc Per License</u>
N/A	Issuance Fee	\$1.05	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$0.05
N/A	Issuance Fee	\$2.05	\$2.15	\$2.15	\$0.10