AN AMENDMENT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Date: December 6, 2016
Amendment offered by: Councilmember Cheh
To: B21-386, Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016
Version: Engrossment

Section 204, pages 6-9, lines 130–179, is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “identify invasive plants and nonindigenous nuisance species” and inserting the phrase “list invasive plants and nonindigenous nuisance species; provided, that the Mayor shall not list the species Felis catus as a nonindigenous nuisance species” in its place.

(b) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “invasive plant” and inserting the phrase “invasive plant listed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section” in its place.

(c) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “nonindigenous nuisance species” and inserting the phrase “an animal belonging to a nonindigenous nuisance species listed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section” in its place.

(d) Subsection (d) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “invasive plant” and inserting the phrase “invasive plant listed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section” in its place.
(2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “nonindigenous nuisance species” and inserting the phrase “nonindigenous nuisance species listed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section” in its place.

(3) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “nonindigenous nuisance species” and inserting the phrase “nonindigenous nuisance species listed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section” in its place.

(e) Subsections (e) and (f) are repealed.

Rationale:

This amendment prohibits the Department of Energy and Environment from listing the species *Felis catus* as a nonindigenous nuisance species, makes related technical amendments, and removes sections outlining how the Mayor may eradicate or control invasive plants and nonindigenous nuisance species.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
FROM: Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director
DATE: December 06, 2016
SHORT TITLE: The Cheh Amendment to Engrossed Bill: Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016
TYPE: Amendment
REQUESTING OFFICE: Councilmember Mary Cheh

Conclusion
This amendment will not impact the District's budget and financial plan. The amendment would modify the engrossed version of the Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016, which does not have a fiscal impact on the District's budget and financial plan for FY 2017 through FY 2020.

Background
This amendment would make several changes to the engrossed version of the Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016. The amendment would prohibit the Department of Energy and Environment from listing feral cats as a nonindigenous nuisance species, and removes the existing sections of the bill that prescribe how the District can control the population of feral cats, if they were found to present a specific threat to the life, habitat, or reproduction of a species of local importance. The sections of the bill to be removed include a provision that specifies that if the District takes action to control a population of feral cats, the action must be pursuant to a plan developed in coordination with a working group that includes community members, and that the action must be based on the trap, neuter, and release method of population control.

Analysis of Impact on Revenue
This amendment will not adversely impact revenue.

Analysis of Impact on Spending
The amendment will not impact spending.