

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5128

As Passed Senate, February 3, 1995

Title: An act relating to salmon charter licenses.

Brief Description: Authorizing shellfish to be taken under a salmon charter license.

Sponsors: Senators Drew, Owen, Spanel and Snyder; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources: 1/13/95, 1/17/95 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/3/95, 44-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Drew, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Haugen, Morton, Oke, Owen, Snyder, Strannigan and Swecker.

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Background: Salmon charterboat license holders were inadvertently precluded from transporting recreational shellfish fishers by 1993 changes in the licensing statutes.

In some locations salmon charterboat clients desire to harvest dungeness crab with the use of crab pots set from salmon charterboats.

Summary of Bill: Recreational shellfish fishers may fish from a salmon charterboat.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Charterboat fishers need the ability to be able to fish for both salmon and shellfish on the same trip.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Don Sawyer, Charter Boat Association of Puget Sound; Ken Ferguson, Charter Boat Association of Puget Sound; Cyreis Schmitt, Department of Fish and Wildlife; Mark Cedergreen, Westport Charter Association; Milt Gudgell, Ilwaco Charters Association; Bult Smith, Ilwaco Charters Association.