

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5102

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Natural Resources & Parks, January 24, 1997  
Ways & Means, March 6, 1997

**Title:** An act relating to an annual recreational surcharge on personal use food fish licenses.

**Brief Description:** Revising the provision imposing an annual recreational surcharge on certain personal use food fish licenses.

**Sponsors:** Senators Oke and Winsley.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources & Parks: 1/16/97, 1/24/97 [DPS-WM].  
Ways & Means: 3/6/97 [DPS (NRP)].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5102 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Oke, Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Morton, Prentice, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5102 as recommended by Committee on Natural Resources & Parks be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators West, Chair; Deccio, Vice Chair; Strannigan, Vice Chair; Brown, Hochstatter, Kohl, Long, Loveland, McDonald, Roach, Rossi, Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Swecker, Thibaudeau and Winsley.

**Staff:** Cathy Baker (786-7708)

**Background:** Persons who fish for salmon and marine bottomfish in Puget Sound and salmon in Lake Washington are assessed a \$10 recreational surcharge if they purchase an annual personal use food fish license.

Persons who purchase a three-consecutive-day personal use license to fish in the above areas are not charged a recreational surcharge, and they are not providing funding for the Puget Sound recreational enhancement program.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** Persons who purchase a three-consecutive-day license to fish for salmon or marine bottomfish in marine area codes 5 through 13 (Puget Sound) or Lake Washington are assessed an annual recreational surcharge of \$5.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** Persons who purchase a three-consecutive-day license to fish for salmon or marine bottomfish in marine area codes 5 through 13 (Puget Sound) or Lake Washington are assessed an annual recreational surcharge of \$10.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For (Natural Resources & Parks):** All persons who fish in Puget Sound should be required to pay for the recreational fishing enhancement program.

**Testimony Against (Natural Resources & Parks):** None.

**Testified (Natural Resources & Parks):** Ric Abbett, Trout Unlimited (pro).

**Testimony For (Ways & Means):** None.

**Testimony Against (Ways & Means):** None.

**Testified (Ways & Means):** No one.