

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1490

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, March 22, 1999

Title: An act relating to the delivery of salmon into the ports of the state.

Brief Description: Allowing the landing of salmon caught in other states' offshore waters in Washington ports.

Sponsors: House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hatfield, Doumit, Buck and Kessler).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation: 3/18/99, 3/22/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; T. Sheldon, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Oke, Rossi, Spanel and Stevens.

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Background: Washington troll fishers, who are licensed in Oregon or California and who catch salmon in Oregon and California waters must purchase a salmon delivery license in order to land their catch into Washington ports. The cost of the license is \$380.

Some fishers would like to land Oregon or California caught salmon into Washington ports without the requirement of a delivery license.

Summary of Bill: A Washington citizen who holds a valid Oregon or California salmon trolling license may land salmon into Washington ports without a delivery license if the salmon were taken south of Cape Falcon.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Allowing Oregon or California licensed trollers, who are Washington residents, to land salmon in Washington would assist the trollers, seafood wholesalers, and the public who purchase troll-caught salmon.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Brian Hatfield, prime sponsor; Brian Edie, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; Bob Snell; Steve Spleen, WTA.