SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5464

As of January 26, 2001

Title: An act relating to reporting the disposition of surplus salmon.

Brief Description: Requiring an annual surplus salmon report.

Sponsors: Senators Morton, Hochstatter, Stevens, Oke and McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Background: Anadromous salmon and steelhead trout that return to state operated hatcheries fall into two categories: broodstock (those fish necessary for fish propagation) and surplus.

Surplus fish may be sold, disposed in landfills, donated to food banks, provided to treaty Indian tribes, transferred to other governmental agencies, or used in stream enrichment programs.

The disposition of surplus hatchery fish is often controversial and the public frequently requests information about the program. An annual surplus salmon report would provide answers to frequently asked questions.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Fish and Wildlife must prepare an annual report on the disposition of surplus hatchery fish and transmit it to the Governor, Legislature, and make it available to the public by January 1 of each year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 2001.

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