

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6157

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation, February 1, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to a crab pot buoy tag program.

**Brief Description:** Modifying provisions concerning the administration of a crab pot buoy tag program.

**Sponsors:** Senators Jacobsen and Oke.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 1/23/06, 2/1/06 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Oke, Ranking Minority Member; Fraser, Morton, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

**Staff:** Vic Moon (786-7469)

**Background:** In 2005, the Legislature created a crab pot buoy tag program in order to regulate the fishery and to keep track of harvest. The buoy tags allow for a more orderly fishery. Recent management agreements with other states require clarification in the buoy tag program to ensure out-of-state fishers are covered by Washington's requirements.

**Summary of Bill:** Out-of-state fishers are required to purchase and use buoy tags.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 16, 2006.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** This is a housekeeping measure which makes it very clear that buoy tags will be required for out-of-state fishers.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Phil Anderson, Department of Fish and Wildlife; Ed Owens, Coalition of Coastal Fishers; Ray Toste, Willapa Dungeness Crab Fishers Association.