

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1350

As Reported By House Committee On:
Fisheries & Wildlife
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to commercial shrimp fishing licenses.

Brief Description: Requiring pink shrimp endorsements.

Sponsors: Representatives King, Fuhrman, Basich, Wood, Orr, Tate, Johanson and Foreman.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Fisheries & Wildlife, February 12, 1993, DPS;
Appropriations, March 3, 1993, DPS(FW).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives King, Chair; Orr, Vice Chair; Sehlin, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Chappell; Foreman; Lemmon; and Scott.

Staff: Keitlyn Watson (786-7310).

Background: Entry into several commercial fisheries in Washington is restricted by statute. The harvest of ocean pink shrimp is not subject to any such limitations in Washington. Since the actual harvest occurs in the ocean outside of Washington waters, the state does not issue licenses for harvest. However, a shellfish delivery license is required to land shrimp, as well as all other commercially harvested shellfish, in Washington.

In 1979 the Oregon Legislature, in response to concerns about potential overcapitalization of the pink shrimp fishery as well as resource exploitation, limited the number of vessels that could land pink shrimp in Oregon. There is concern on the part of the pink shrimp industry that the potential for overcapitalization and resource exploitation still exist without a comparable limitation in Washington.

Summary of Substitute Bill: After December 31, 1993, an ocean pink shrimp delivery license or ocean pink shrimp single delivery license is required to deliver pink shrimp

caught in offshore waters to a port in Washington state. The annual license fee for an ocean pink shrimp delivery license is \$150 for residents and \$300 for nonresidents, and this license is transferable. The license fee for an ocean pink shrimp single delivery license is \$100. The ocean pink shrimp delivery license shall be issued to a vessel that: