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**Natural Resources, Ecology &  
Parks Committee**

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**SB 5006**

**Brief Description:** Concerning the sale of aquaculture products produced on leased state-owned aquatic land.

**Sponsors:** Senator Jacobsen.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows aquaculture products that are produced on state-owned aquatic lands to be sold by the person that produced the product without going through a competitive bid or public auction process.

**Hearing Date:** 3/17/05

**Staff:** Jason Callahan (786-7117).

**Background:**

State-owned aquatic lands may be leased by private enterprises for the production of aquaculture products. The Department of Natural Resources (Department) is authorized to enter into 30-year leases with aquaculture producers on tidelands and the beds of navigable waters. In most instances, the value of the aquaculture products produced on state-owned aquatic lands belongs to the lessee of the lands.

However, geoducks must be sold by the state as a valuable material, regardless if they are naturally-occurring or raised as an aquaculture product. All valuable materials must be sold at a public auction or by sealed bid to the highest responsible bidder.

**Summary of Bill:**

Aquaculture products that are produced on state-owned aquatic lands may be sold by the person that produced the product without going through a competitive bid or public auction process.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.