

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5081

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES,  
JANUARY 31, 1991

**Brief Description:** Creating two-day steelhead catch record cards.

**SPONSORS:** Senators L. Smith, Bauer and Oke.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5081 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Metcalf, Chairman; Oke, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Conner, Owen, Patterson, Snyder, and Sutherland.

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

**Hearing Dates:** January 29, 1991; January 31, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

In order to fish for steelhead trout, resident anglers shall possess a valid three-day fishing license (or annual license) and steelhead catch record card for a total cost of \$23, or \$30 in the case of an annual license. Nonresident anglers must possess a nonresident three-day fishing license and a steelhead catch record card for a total cost of \$30, or \$56 in the case of an annual license.

Some anglers would like to fish for steelhead on an occasional basis with a lesser cost for the required licenses.

**SUMMARY:**

A two-day steelhead catch record card is available for a cost of \$5. Persons may fish for steelhead during two consecutive days with a two-day steelhead catch record card without the need for other licenses.

**EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:**

A person must have a valid fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife in order to purchase a two-day steelhead catch record card.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** yes

**Fiscal Note:** requested January 23, 1991

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Legislation would provide increased opportunity for anglers to fish for steelhead trout.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:**

Fishermen could fish for steelhead without paying their fair share of the program costs.

**TESTIFIED:** Senator L. Smith (pro); Pam Madsen, Dept. of Wildlife (con); Mel Gruelle, river fishing guide (pro); Pat Files, river fishing outfitter (pro); Jim King, WA State Sports Council (con); John Kelly, King County Outdoor Sports Council (con)