

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5501

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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING LICENSES--EVALUATION OF NUMBER TO BE
ISSUED

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Passed by the Senate April 22, 1991
Yeas 34 Nays 12

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 11, 1991
Yeas 95 Nays 0

JOE KING
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 10, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5501** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB
Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Sutherland, L. Smith, Vognild, Amondson and Bauer).

Read first time February 25, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to commercial salmon fishing licenses; and creating
2 new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The fishing capacity of the non-treaty
5 salmon industry in the state of Washington may exceed that required to
6 harvest non-treaty salmon allocations. This overcapacity can
7 negatively impact the economic stability of the salmon fishing industry
8 and in some instances impedes orderly fisheries. The legislature finds
9 that it is in the best interest of the long term economic stability of
10 the salmon industry to determine the optimum number of commercial
11 salmon licenses that should be available.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director of the department of
13 fisheries shall, in close cooperation with the salmon fishing industry,
14 investigate the requirements for issuance, retention, and transfer of

1 commercial salmon licenses, shall determine the optimum number of such
2 licenses for each existing gear type and licensing area, and shall
3 determine the best means for attaining that optimum number. The
4 director shall, in making this determination, consider the impacts of
5 all non-treaty fisheries on weak stocks of salmon including those
6 originating in Hood Canal. The director shall also consider possible
7 environmental factors contributing to the declining fishery in Hood
8 Canal. The director shall specifically evaluate the following issues
9 in Hood Canal:

10 (1) Whether commercial salmon fisheries in Hood Canal should be
11 restricted to certain areas;

12 (2) Whether guidelines pertaining to depth of nets and distance
13 from the shoreline for vessels or skiffs are necessary; and

14 (3) Whether more effective methods of minimizing incidental catch
15 in Hood Canal of blackmouth during commercial net fisheries and of coho
16 salmon during the chum salmon fishery are needed.

17 Based on this evaluation, the director shall determine whether
18 fishing regulations for Hood Canal commercial salmon fisheries should
19 be modified, and how to minimize environmental damage to the bottom and
20 aquatic plant life of Hood Canal.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director of the department of
22 fisheries shall, in determining the number of licenses that should be
23 issued, consider the impact of commercial incidental catch of fish on
24 the recreational fishery. The director shall evaluate the need for a
25 study for observing and documenting incidental catch of fish in non-
26 treaty commercial fisheries. If a study is determined to be necessary,
27 the director shall develop a study plan for observing and documenting
28 incidental catch. The director shall initiate discussions with tribal
29 representatives concerning evaluation of the incidental catch in tribal

1 fisheries. The department shall present its findings and
2 recommendations under sections 2 and 3 of this act to the legislature
3 on or before December 1, 1991.

4 The director shall invite members of the house fisheries and
5 wildlife committee and the senate committee on environment and natural
6 resources to attend meetings in which these recommendations are being
7 developed.

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Passed the House April 11, 1991.

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