

5443-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Brief Description: Changing required renewal dates in order to validly renew certain commercial fishing licenses. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Changing the renewal of certain commercial fishing licenses.)

**SB 5443-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises required renewal dates in order to validly renew certain commercial fishing licenses.

Authorizes a person who holds a resident commercial salmon fishery license to pay an annual license fee of one hundred dollars plus the surcharge if all of the following conditions are met: (1) The license holder is at least seventy-five years of age;

(2) The license holder owns a fishing vessel and has fished with a resident commercial salmon fishery license for at least thirty years; and

(3) The commercial salmon fishery license is for a geographical area other than the Puget Sound.

Provides that an alternate operator may not be designated for a license renewed at the one hundred dollar annual fee under this provision.

Provides that, in accordance with RCW 77.65.030, the department must provide a license or permit holder's surviving spouse, estate, or estate beneficiary a reasonable opportunity to renew the license or permit.