

HB 2586-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that "charter boat" also means a vessel from which persons may, for a fee, fish for food fish or shellfish for personal use in offshore waters.

Provides that a person may not operate a vessel from which persons may, for a fee, fish for food fish or shellfish in Puget Sound, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, Pacific Ocean waters, Lake Washington, or the Columbia river below the bridge at Longview unless the vessel is designated on a charter boat license.

Provides that a charter boat licensed in Oregon may fish without a Washington charter license under the same rules as Washington charter boat operators in ocean waters within the jurisdiction of Washington state from the southern border of the state of Washington to Leadbetter Point, as long as the Oregon vessel does not take on or discharge passengers for any purpose from the Washington shore. The provisions of this act shall be in effect as long as the state of Oregon has reciprocal laws and regulations.