

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1641

As of March 12, 2015

Title: An act relating to adding shellfish to the list of species types listed in RCW 77.15.260(1)(a)

Brief Description: Adding shellfish to the list of species types listed in RCW 77.15.260(1)(a).

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, Lytton and Tharinger.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/03/15, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 3/12/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

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Background: Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish, or Wildlife. Unlawful trafficking in the second degree is class C felony. This crime applies if a person traffics in fish, shellfish, or wildlife with a wholesale value of less than \$250 and the trafficked product is either in violation of a rule for unclassified species or the species is classified as a game species, food fish, shellfish, game fish, or a protected species.

2001 Legislation. Prior to 2001, unlawful trafficking only applied to fish and wildlife. Legislation that year added shellfish to the scope of the crime, creating the recurring phrase "fish, shellfish, or wildlife," except in a single provision related to species classification.

Summary of Bill: The word "shellfish" is added to the phrase "fish or wildlife" in the species classification element of unlawful trafficking in fish, shellfish, or wildlife in the second degree.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.