

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5907

As of January 16, 2024

Title: An act relating to providing for recreational licensing of eulachon, crawfish, and carp.

Brief Description: Providing for recreational licensing of eulachon, crawfish, and carp.

Sponsors: Senators Salomon, Lias and Nobles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 1/18/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides that a person must obtain a recreational fishing or shellfish license in order to fish for carp, smelt, and crawfish.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

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Background: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is responsible for the management of the state's fish and wildlife resources and establishes basic rules and regulations governing the time, place, manner, and methods used to harvest or enjoy fish and wildlife. As a part of this responsibility, the WDFW issues licenses, tags, endorsements, and permits for hunting and fishing in Washington. Categories of fishing licenses include freshwater licenses, saltwater licenses, and combination licenses. There are several endorsements, stamps, permits, or other surcharges required for particular activities in addition to a fishing license. Fee amounts for fishing licenses, stamps, permits, and endorsements are set in statute. A fishing license is not required to fish for freshwater smelt, carp, or crawfish.

Summary of Bill: A person must obtain a recreational fishing or shellfish license in order

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to fish for smelt, carp, and crawfish.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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