

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5012

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, January 27, 1995

Title: An act relating to transfer of fishery licenses.

Brief Description: Revising the fee for transfer of fishery licenses.

Sponsors: Senator Snyder.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources: 1/17/95, 1/27/95 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5012 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Drew, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Haugen, Morton, Oke, Owen, Snyder, Strannigan and Swecker.

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Background: Transfer of commercial fishing licenses was made subject to a transfer fee of three and one-half times the resident renewal fee by legislation in 1993.

Commercial fishers who transfer their fishing licenses do not wish to be charged a transfer fee that is greater than the amount necessary to cover administrative costs.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The commercial fishing license transfer fee is reduced from three and one-half times the resident renewal fee to \$50.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The transfer fee is increased from \$20 to \$50.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 11, 1995.

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

Testimony For: The transfer fee is onerous and should be reduced.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Ed Manary, Department of Fish and Wildlife; Mark Cedergreen, Westport Charter Association; Don Stuart, Salmon for Washington; Ed Owen, Coalition of WA Coastal Fishermen; Gary Hall, fisherman.

