

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5082

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 13, 1991

Brief Description: Requiring licenses for professional salmon fishing guides.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Bauer, L. Smith and Oke).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5082 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Metcalf, Chairman; Oke, Vice Chairman; Conner, Owen, Snyder, and Sutherland.

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Hearing Dates: January 29, 1991; January 31, 1991

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

BACKGROUND:

Persons who operate as salmon fishing guides in freshwater rivers and streams are not required to be licensed as guides.

Some people would like to license salmon fishing guides.

SUMMARY:

A professional salmon guide license is created. Guiding for salmon in freshwater streams or rivers requires the guide license at a cost of \$50 for residents and \$500 for nonresidents.

A surcharge of \$20 is levied on resident guides and \$100 on nonresident guides for the purposes of funding regional fisheries enhancement groups. Surcharges are in addition to the proposed guide license fees.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: yes

Fiscal Note: requested January 23, 1991

TESTIMONY FOR:

Bill would provide increased funding and prevent some illegal activities.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Senator L. Smith; Mel Gruelle, Sr., river fishing guide; Pat Files, river fishing outfitter; Susan Markey, Dept. of Fisheries; Jim King, WA State Sports Council

HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

Legislative committees are required to evaluate the guide fees enacted in this 1991 legislation and report to the Legislature by December 31, 1991. A wildlife code reference that recognizes the validity of Idaho or Oregon wildlife licenses in Snake River boundary waters is repealed.