

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5685

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES,
FEBRUARY 25, 1991

Brief Description: Allowing commercial salmon fishing opportunities in specified rivers.

SPONSORS: Senators Snyder and Conner.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

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

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Hearing Dates: February 25, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Quinault Indian reservation streams have salmon runs which are primarily harvested by treaty Indian fishermen.

Non-Indian commercial fishermen would like an opportunity to harvest Quinault reservation origin chum and sockeye salmon.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Fisheries shall establish commercial net fishing areas at the mouth of Quinault Indian reservation rivers for the purpose of providing salmon fishing opportunities to non-Indian commercial fishermen.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

TESTIMONY FOR:

Non-Indian fishermen should be given an opportunity to fish on salmon stocks that originate on the Quinault Indian Reservation.

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

The management of salmon would be unnecessarily complicated by this legislation.

TESTIFIED: Toimi Maki, Grays Harbor Gillnetters (pro); Bob Lake, Willapa Bay (pro); Gene Di Donato, Department of Fisheries (con); Steve Arbaugh, VSGA (pro)