

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6150

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 10, 1992

Brief Description: Improving the accounting system for salmon and steelhead.

SPONSORS: Senators Barr, Sutherland, Owen, Snyder, Amondson, Newhouse, Rasmussen, L. Smith, Bauer and Conner

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

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

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Hearing Dates: January 27, 1992

BACKGROUND:

Recording of salmon and steelhead catches in the commercial and recreational fisheries is important for resource conservation and catch accounting purposes.

There is a concern that catches need to be recorded in a more accurate manner.

SUMMARY:

The Director of Fisheries and the Director of Wildlife shall cooperatively develop a plan to improve the catch accounting of salmon and steelhead. The directors shall work with the federal government, the Indian tribes, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to make a comprehensive catch accounting system. Incentives and penalties are to be considered as ways in which the accounting system can be improved. Recommendations are to be made to the Legislature.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Better catch accounting is necessary.

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

The legislation would require department activities that are not funded.

TESTIFIED: Gene DiDonato, Department of Fisheries (con); Pam Madsen, Department of Wildlife (con); Bob Lake, Willapa Gillnet Association (pro)