

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5125

As Reported By House Committee On:
Fisheries & Wildlife

Title: An act relating to commercial salmon fishing licenses.

Brief Description: Regulating issuance of commercial salmon fishing licenses.

Sponsors: Senators Owen, Snyder, Haugen, Spanel, Sellar, Oke, Amondson and Erwin; by request of Department of Fisheries.

Brief History:

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Fisheries & Wildlife, March 18, 1993, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members:
Representatives King, Chair; Orr, Vice Chair; Fuhrman,
Ranking Minority Member; Sehlin, Assistant Ranking Minority
Member; Basich; Chappell; Foreman; Lemmon; and Scott.

Staff: Keitlyn Watson (786-7310).

Background: Current law allows for renewal of a commercial salmon fishing license or salmon delivery permit if a vessel meets two requirements: 1) held such a license or permit the previous year; and 2) landed one or more food fish the previous year.

Summary of Bill: The landing requirement is deleted.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: For fishers and for the Department of Fisheries, the food fish landing requirement is a burden and an economic drain which provides no benefit. The bill saves money.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Cyreis Schmitt, Department of Fisheries (pro).