

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5126

As Reported By House Committee On:
Fisheries & Wildlife

Title: An act relating to the geographical landmark at Cape Shoalwater.

Brief Description: Correcting references to the geographical landmark on Cape Shoalwater.

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

Brief History:

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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 references the Cape Shoalwater light for purposes of identifying the fishing area boundary for the Department of Fisheries' Willapa Bay - Columbia River Licensing District and for the purpose of defining an area where salmon harvest with nets is prohibited. The lighthouse has been torn down and a new tower has been constructed 400 yards to the west. A new reference must be used to set fishing area boundaries.

Summary of Bill: References to the Cape Shoalwater "light" are changed to "tower," for the purposes of accurately defining the boundary of the Willapa Bay - Columbia River Licensing District and for referencing the area where salmon net harvest is prohibited.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The Cape Shoalwater lighthouse has been torn down. A tower has been built about 400 yards away that would make a fine new landmark for the purpose of demarcating a fishing area boundary.

Testimony Against: None.

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