

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2849

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Exempting nonsalmon delivery license holders from United States residency requirements.

By Representatives Linville and King.

House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Background: The Department of Fisheries issues commercial licenses and permits for the following activities: commercial fishing, delivery, processing or wholesaling of food fish and shellfish; operating a charter boat or a commercial fishing vessel; or acting as a recreational salmon guide in freshwater rivers and streams (except in the part of the Columbia River below the Longview Bridge). It is unlawful to engage in any of these activities without such a license.

Persons holding commercial licenses must meet the following qualifications: (1) 16 years of age or older; (2) U.S. residency; and (3) if the licensee is a corporation, authorization to do business in Washington State.

Under the auspices of two treaties between Canada and the United States regarding tuna and halibut harvest, Canadians may be issued nonsalmon delivery licenses to deliver these species. However, licenses may not be issued to Canadians for purposes outside of the treaties.

Summary: Holders of nonsalmon delivery licenses are exempted from the U.S. residency requirement.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: June 9, 1994