

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5125**

**AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1993**

**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

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chairman; Erwin, Franklin, Haugen, Oke, Sellar, Snyder, and Spanel.

**Staff:** Erika Lim (786-7488)

**Hearing Dates:** January 27, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law allows for renewal of a commercial salmon fishing license or salmon delivery permit only if a vessel (1) held a license or permit the previous year; and (2) landed one or more food fish the previous year.

The landing requirement does not serve its intended purpose and costs \$15,000-\$20,000 annually to enforce.

**SUMMARY:**

The landing requirement is deleted.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The landing requirement costs money to enforce but produces no benefit to fishers, citizens or fish.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Ed Manary, Washington Department of Fisheries