

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**SJM 8030**

**AS PASSED LEGISLATURE**

**Brief Description:** Requesting a modification of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Oke, Owen, Hochstatter, Hargrove, Roach, Erwin, L. Smith, Spanel, Haugen and Snyder

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE**

**BACKGROUND:**

Marine mammals have increased their populations since the Marine Mammal Protection Act afforded them federal protection. Marine mammals are causing significant predation on anadromous fish, some stocks of which are threatened or endangered.

Killing of predacious seals and sea lions is currently prohibited.

**SUMMARY:**

Congress is urged to modify the Marine Mammal Protection Act to allow for the killing of predacious seals and sea lions in order to increase survival of anadromous fish runs.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	42	5	
House	86	11	(House amended)
Senate	43	0	(Senate concurred)