

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SJM 8030**

**AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1994**

**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**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

**Hearing Dates:** February 2, 1994; February 4, 1994

**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 which are threatened or endangered.

Killing of some predacious seals and sea lions is currently prohibited, but many persons who are interested in increasing anadromous fish have advocated killing of these creatures.

**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.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Seals and sea lions are causing excessive mortality to anadromous fish.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Ken Paige, Charter Boat Assn. of Puget Sound (pro); Dan Wood, The Umbrella Group (pro)

**HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):**

A technical correction is made to the references concerning the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act.