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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen and Spanel

Brief Description: Providing a mechanism to recover lost fishing nets.

**SB 5032 - DIGEST**

Prohibits the abandonment of a net in state waters and makes a violation punishable under chapter 7.84 RCW.

Provides that a net which is caught on an obstruction or inadvertently lost must be reported to the department of fisheries, which is responsible for recovery of the nets.

Levies taxes on the manufacture, sale at wholesale, and sale at retail of commercial net products to be collected to provide a funding source for the program.

Makes an appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of the act.