FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5102

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising the provision imposing an annual recreational surcharge on certain personal use food fish licenses.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Oke and Winsley).

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks Senate Committee on Ways & Means House Committee on Natural Resources

Background: Persons who fish for salmon and marine bottomfish in Puget Sound and salmon in Lake Washington are assessed a \$10 recreational surcharge if they purchase an annual personal use food fish license.

Persons who purchase a three-consecutive-day personal use license to fish in the above areas are not charged a recreational surcharge. As a result, they do not contribute to the Puget Sound recreational enhancement program into which these surcharges are deposited.

Summary: Persons who purchase a three-consecutive-day license to fish for salmon or marine bottomfish in marine area codes 5 through 13 (Puget Sound) or Lake Washington are assessed an annual recreational surcharge of \$5.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 47 0 House 86 8

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