

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2495

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, February 23, 2000

Title: An act relating to hunting licenses.

Brief Description: Allowing holders of big and small game hunting licenses to hunt unclassified wildlife.

Sponsors: Representatives Pennington and Benson; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation: 2/21/2000, 2/23/2000 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; T. Sheldon, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Morton, Oke, Rossi, Snyder, Spanel and Stevens.

Staff: David Johnson (786-7754)

Background: Current law requires a person to have a valid small game hunting license in order to hunt unclassified wildlife. Unclassified wildlife includes, but is not limited to, animals such as: coyote, opossum, mountain beaver, vole, and nonnative squirrel.

Current law does not permit holders of a big game license to hunt unclassified wildlife.

Summary of Bill: Holders of big game license may hunt unclassified wildlife.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill restores the unclassified wildlife hunting license situation to where it was before it was inadvertently limited by the licensing reform bill a few years ago.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Steve Pozzanghera, WDFW (pro).