

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5436

As of January 26, 1999

Title: An act relating to abandoned fishing nets.

Brief Description: Creating a program to recover abandoned fishing nets.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Morton, Eide, Swecker, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Fairley, Oke, Patterson and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation: 2/3/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & RECREATION

Staff: David Johnson (786-7754)

Background: There are an undetermined number of fishing nets abandoned or lost in state waters. They pose a risk of trapping and killing fish, including salmon. It is believed that a program to locate and remove these nets will help to increase the number of salmon and other fish.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is allocated funds and directed to coordinate efforts to remove abandoned fishing nets. These efforts may be from private groups. A progress report is due February 1, 2000.

Appropriation: \$200,000.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 22, 1999.

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