

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1071

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines, March 26, 2001

Title: An act relating to salmon recovery funding board grant application deadlines.

Brief Description: Adjusting deadlines for salmon recovery grant applications.

Sponsors: By Representatives Doumit, Buck, Sump, Ogden and Dunn; by request of Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 3/21/01, 3/26/01 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Constantine, Hargrove, Morton, Oke and Stevens.

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Background: The Salmon Recovery Funding Board must by statute conduct two funding cycles each year for habitat projects. Lead entities must submit habitat project lists to the board by January 1 and July 1 of each year.

Concerns have been raised that by mandating two funding cycles, volunteers are being pulled away from working on the projects themselves in order to prepare the grant applications for the next funding round. In addition, by eliminating the requirement for two funding cycles, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board itself could be conducting other work pertinent to salmon recovery rather than reviewing an additional round of projects.

Summary of Amended Bill: The Salmon Recovery Funding Board must no longer conduct two funding cycles for habitat projects each year. The specific dates for when habitat project lists must be submitted to the board each year are deleted. Habitat project lists must be submitted to the board at least once a year on a schedule established by the board.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board must pay project sponsors within 30 days of project completion.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: Payment of project sponsors within 30 days of project completion is added.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Two funding cycles per year diverts project sponsors from salmon recovery work because they must put more effort into grant applications. One grant cycle is more efficient.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Larry M. Otos, WRPA/Mount Vernon; Al Davis, WRPA/King County.