

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5440

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Raising the number of the governor's appointees to the fish and wildlife commission from two to three.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen and Oke; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines

House Committee on Natural Resources

Background: In 1994, the Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife were merged to create the present day Department of Fish and Wildlife. A nine-member governing commission was established. It replaced the six-member commission that had governed the Wildlife Department. However, the statutory appointment scheme was unchanged.

Currently, the law allows the Governor to appoint two members to the commission, every odd-numbered year, for six-year terms. Under this scheme, some positions would remain unfilled. To fill nine positions for six-year terms the Governor needs to appoint three members to the commission every odd-numbered year.

Summary: The Governor must appoint three members to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in January of each odd-numbered year.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	96	0

Effective: July 22, 2001