

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6300

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines, January 28, 2002
Ways & Means, February 6, 2002

Title: An act relating to requiring recreational fishing licenses.

Brief Description: Requiring a recreational fishing license for smelt.

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

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 1/23/02, 1/28/02 [DPS-WM]
Ways & Means: 2/5/02, 2/6/02 [DPS (NPS), DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6300 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6300 as recommended by Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Brown, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Fraser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, Parlette, Rasmussen, Rossi, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, Spanel, Thibaudeau and Winsley.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Honeyford.

Staff: Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

Background: Recreational smelt fisheries occur in freshwater and saltwater areas for several different smelt species.

A fishing license is not currently required for recreational smelt fishing.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to fund its smelt management program by requiring fishers to purchase a recreational fishing license for smelt fishing.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Smelt fishers must have a recreational fishing license. Current license fees are:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Freshwater	\$20	\$40
Saltwater	18	36
Combination	36	72

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Smelt fishers must have a recreational fishing license except when fishing in a one-day derby sponsored by a nonprofit community organization.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For (Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines): Funds generated from recreational license sales to smelt fishers would help support smelt fishery management costs.

Testimony Against (Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines): None.

Testified (Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines): Frank Hawley, Bill Tweit, Fish and Wildlife (pro).

Testimony For (Ways & Means): The revenue created by this bill will replace federal and local sources that are no longer provided.

Testimony Against (Ways & Means): None.

Testified (Ways & Means): Rich Lincoln, Department of Fish and Wildlife (pro).