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Sponsor(s): Representatives Rockefeller, Eickmeyer, Lantz, Haigh, Dunshee, Pennington, Jackley, Woods, Doumit, Edwards and Murray

Brief Description: Creating a program to remove derelict fishing gear.

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Provides that the derelict fishing gear program may include activities to: Create and maintain a data base of known derelict fishing gear, provide for public reporting of located derelict fishing gear, reduce the future losses of fishing gear, search out sites where derelict fishing gear has been reported as lost, evaluate and prioritize derelict fishing gear sites for removal, or develop tools to remove derelict fishing gear or to render it ineffective.

Directs the department to investigate the feasibility of different methods to encourage or require the reporting of lost fishing gear by commercial and recreational fishers. The department shall report the results of this investigation, along with agency recommendations, to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2003.

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Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.