

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6159

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning recreational fishing for albacore tuna.

**Sponsors:** Senators Jacobsen, Oke and Spanel.

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation**

**House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks**

**Background:** Fishing for albacore is increasing in popularity. In 2000, 8,000 albacore were caught and by 2005, the number increased to 12,000. Under federal law, albacore is a migratory fish species and is regulated by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The management plan may soon require a licence to fish recreationally, and both California and Oregon require a license.

**Summary:** A recreational fishing license will be required to fish for albacore.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 39 10

House 96 2

**Effective:** June 7, 2006