

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6160

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation, January 16, 2006

Title: An act relating to abolishing the Washington wildlife rescue coalition.

Brief Description: Abolishing the Washington wildlife rescue coalition.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen, Morton, Fraser and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 1/12/06, 1/16/06 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Oke, Ranking Minority Member; Fraser, Morton, Spanel and Stevens.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Background: The Washington Wildlife Rescue Coalition was created in 1990 following the Exxon Valdez and Nastucca oil spills. At that time, the local, state, and federal responsibilities were not well defined. Since that time, there has been federal law on the subject of wildlife, and the state's role has changed. There is a whole series of state and federal protocols to deal with this issue.

Summary of Bill: The Coalition statute is repealed (RCW 90.56.100).

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: The duties established for the coalition have been superceded by other state and federal laws.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Brian Edie, Department of Fish and Wildlife.