

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6465

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As Passed Senate, February 12, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to temporary fishing license fees.

**Brief Description:** Allowing active duty military personnel to purchase a temporary fishing license at the resident rate.

**Sponsors:** Senators Roach, Benton, Rasmussen, Hargrove, King, Hobbs, Hatfield, Delvin, McCaslin, Kilmer, Rockefeller and Carrell.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 1/21/08, 1/24/08 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/12/08, 47-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Ranking Minority Member; Fraser, Hargrove, Rockefeller, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

**Staff:** Karen Epps (786-7424)

**Background:** A person 15 years of age or older must purchase a fishing license from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) prior to fishing in saltwater or freshwater, unless fishing for albacore tuna, carp, crayfish, and smelt. The temporary combination license allows the holder to fish for fish, shellfish, and seaweed from both saltwater and freshwater for one to five consecutive days.

For one day, the fee is \$7 for residents and \$14 for nonresidents. The fee for two days is \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. For three days, the fee is \$13 for residents and \$26 for nonresidents. The fee for four days is \$15 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. For five days, the fee is \$17 for residents and \$34 for nonresidents.

**Summary of Bill:** Active duty military personnel serving in any branch of the United States Armed Forces may purchase a temporary combination fishing license at the resident rate.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 17, 2008.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

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**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This would provide an opportunity for our active military to enjoy Washington's outdoors while they are stationed here. In time of war, this is a great thing to do to honor our military. The suggestion for this bill came from a veteran.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Roach, prime sponsor; Mike Partridge, Veterans Legislative Coalition; John E. Lee, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs.