

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6243

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As of January 26, 2020

**Title:** An act relating to providing access to recreational fishing regulations.

**Brief Description:** Providing access to recreational fishing regulations.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wellman, Hasegawa, Wilson, C. and Van De Wege.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 1/23/20.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directs the Fish and Wildlife Commission to require vendors selling recreational fishing licenses to post the uniform resource locator describing where to access recreational fishing rules online.</li></ul>
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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Staff:** Jeff Olsen (786-7428)

**Background:** The Fish and Wildlife Commission is responsible for managing the state's fish and wildlife resources and establishing basic rules and regulations governing the time, place, manner, and methods used to harvest or enjoy fish and wildlife. The Commission issues licenses, tags, endorsements, and permits for hunting and fishing in Washington, and establishes terms and conditions for issuing licenses and permits offered for sale by dealers.

**Summary of Bill:** The Commission must require a person selling recreational fishing licenses to post the uniform resource locator describing where the person purchasing the license may access recreational fishing rules.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** OTHER: Many dealers that sell fishing licenses are small businesses with limited space for additional signage. There are already many options available to obtain information regarding fishing regulations. Typically the fishing pamphlet is already available, and the department has a new free mobile application that has real-time information. The URL with access to the department's fishing regulations is also printed on each fishing license that is sold. The department is moving towards a more electronic-based platform, and this requirement is not necessary at this time.

**Persons Testifying:** OTHER: Carl Burke, Northwest Marine Trade Association and Northwest Sportsfishing Association; Kelly Cunningham, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.