

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1753

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing certain notice provisions in the derelict vessel removal program.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Bronoske, Leavitt and Reed).

**House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks**

### **Background:**

The Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP) is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Under the DVRP, certain authorized public entities, including the DNR and most public agencies that own or manage aquatic lands, may take custody and dispose of abandoned or derelict vessels on aquatic lands within their jurisdiction. The owner of an abandoned or derelict vessel is responsible for the cost of removal and disposal of the vessel.

Before an authorized public entity may take custody of a derelict vessel, the public entity must take certain steps, including:

- mailing notice of its intent to obtain custody of the vessel at least 20 days prior to taking custody;
- posting notice of its intent clearly on the vessel for 30 days; and
- publishing its intent at least once in a newspaper of general circulation for the county in which the vessel is located.

### **Summary:**

Notice of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel must be mailed 10 days, rather than 20 days, prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.

Notice of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel must be posted on the derelict vessel

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15 days, rather than 30 days, prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.

Notice of intent no longer needs to be published in a newspaper prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 95 0

Senate 49 0

**Effective:** July 23, 2023