

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2169

As of February 14, 1996

Title: An act relating to steelhead catch record cards and licenses.

Brief Description: Authorizing a credit toward next year's steelhead fishing license for prompt return of a steelhead catch record card.

Sponsors: House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Thompson, Pennington, Sheldon and Fuhrman).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources: 2/20/96.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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Background: Steelhead licenses were administered by the former Department of Wildlife and were valid from May 1 until April 30. When the Department of Wildlife merged with the Department of Fisheries in 1994, steelhead licenses were changed to be valid for a calendar year in order to be consistent with other licenses administered by the Department of Fisheries. Persons who purchased steelhead licenses after May 1, 1995, received licenses that expired after 8 months instead of 12 months.

Summary of Bill: Persons who purchased a 1995 steelhead license are issued a nontransferable \$6 credit toward a 1997 steelhead license. Juveniles who purchased a 1995 juvenile steelhead license are issued a nontransferable \$2 credit toward a 1997 steelhead license. Credits may be obtained by either returning a 1995 steelhead license to the department or by completing an affidavit provided by the department. The credits are available through December 31, 1997.

Persons who return a steelhead catch record card to the department within 30 days of expiration are issued a nontransferable \$5 credit toward the next year's steelhead license. Lost, stolen, or destroyed credits are not replaced.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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