

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5012

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As Passed Senate, March 2, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to transfer of fishery licenses.

**Brief Description:** Revising the fee for transfer of fishery licenses.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senator Snyder).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources: 1/17/95, 1/27/95 [DPS].  
Passed Senate, 3/2/95, 47-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5012 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Drew, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Haugen, Morton, Oke, Owen, Snyder, Strannigan and Swecker.

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

**Background:** Transfer of commercial fishing licenses was made subject to a transfer fee of three and one-half times the resident renewal fee by legislation in 1993.

Commercial fishers who transfer their fishing licenses do not wish to be charged a transfer fee that is greater than the amount necessary to cover administrative costs.

**Summary of Bill:** The commercial fishing license transfer fee is reduced from three and one-half times the resident renewal fee to \$50.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 11, 1995.

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

**Testimony For:** The transfer fee is onerous and should be reduced.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Ed Manary, Department of Fish and Wildlife; Mark Cedergreen, Westport Charter Association; Don Stuart, Salmon for Washington; Ed Owen, Coalition of WA Coastal Fishermen; Gary Hall, fisherman.

**House Amendment(s):** Commercial salmon fishing license transfer fees are reduced to \$50. Other limited entry fishery license transfer fees, such as salmon charter boats, herring, crab, sea urchin, ocean pink shrimp, and emerging fisheries are not reduced.