

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6242

As of January 16, 1996

Title: An act relating to managing of salmon fisheries to assure harvest by Washington citizens of their full nontribal share.

Brief Description: Requiring management of salmon fisheries for harvest by Washington citizens.

Sponsors: Senators Spanel, A. Anderson, Snyder, McDonald, Haugen and Kohl.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources: 1/23/96.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Background: Salmon fisheries are allocated between treaty tribal fisheries and non-Indian fisheries. Federal court decisions have established the treaty Indian share of the harvestable salmon resource.

The non-Indian share of the harvestable salmon resource is not defined in state law.

Summary of Bill: Non-Indian salmon fisheries receive at least 50 percent of the harvestable salmon resource. Harvest levels for non-Indian fisheries that fall below 50 percent are made up in subsequent years utilizing equitable adjustment procedures specified in federal law.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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