

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8019

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, February 28, 1995

Brief Description: Requesting federal assistance to facilitate the implementation of judicial decisions concerning the harvest of fish and shellfish.

Sponsors: Senators Oke, Owen, Snyder, A. Anderson, Haugen, Bauer, Gaspard, McDonald, Swecker, Roach, Strannigan, Palmer, Hochstatter, Morton, West, Rasmussen and Spanel.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources: 2/28/95 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8019 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

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

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Background: A federal judicial decision in December, 1994 granted treaty Indian tribes the right to harvest 50 percent of the shellfish in state waters.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife and private property owners will incur costs due to the court decision.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The United States government is asked to provide funds to compensate the state and private landowners for costs due to the federal court decision on treaty Indian shellfish rights.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Technical changes are made to clarify the need for federal monetary assistance for the implementation of the federal shellfish decision.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.