

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8027

As of January 18, 2006

Brief Description: Requesting Congress to allow management of anadromous fish predators.

Sponsors: Senator Morton.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 1/18/06.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Background: Salmon and steelhead stocks are significantly reduced by numerous predators and some of these predators are also protected under federal laws. In order to allow the recovery of this state's endangered and threatened anadromous species, modification in federal law and policy may be necessary as part of a comprehensive recovery program which includes harvest levels, hatchery programs, habitat improvement, predator control, dam modification, and in-stream flows.

Summary of Bill: Congress is asked to develop a more flexible program to control salmon and steelhead predators.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Testimony For: This memorial is an important step to get Congress to change the way we can deal with the many salmon and steelhead predators.

Testimony Against: None

Who Testified: PRO: Jack Field Washington Cattlemen's Association.