

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates free fishing derby license for organizers of fishing derbies to take and sell northern pikeminnow for duration of derby. Provides that, when organizer holds fishing derby license for derby, derby participants are not required to hold certain commercial fishing licenses. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Blackberry Jam festival annual northern pikeminnow derby
- Act applies only to northern pikeminnow

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Northern pikeminnows (formerly known as northern squawfish) are effective predators of young salmon and steelhead. Research has indicated that a modest removal of northern pikeminnow could result in a disproportionately large reduction in predation of salmon.

Senate Bill 958 creates a free license for the organizers of a fishing derby to take and sell northern pikeminnow.