

# ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6044

*Regarding the removal of derelict vessels*

## PROGRAM IMPACTS

This bill expands the ability of public entities to remove derelict vessels. Ecology must coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources to examine the derelict vessel program. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and representatives from the ship demolition industry will convene a workgroup to discuss operations and permitting requirements surrounding the demolition and disposal of large abandoned and derelict vessels. The Department of Natural Resources shall include the findings of the workgroup in the guidelines for the derelict vessel program.

The concern is that if a derelict vessel cannot be dismantled onsite, for later transport for recycling or disposal, the cost to transport the derelict vessel to a shipyard can be extremely high. The legislation asks DNR and Ecology to review operations and permitting requirements.

## RESOURCE IMPACTS

No funds were provided for this work. Ecology staff will be diverted from other work to attend the work group meetings.

## WORK PLAN

Ecology staff will participate in the work group between now and November of 2007.

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