
HOUSE BILL 1572

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon labeling for human consumption; adding
2 new sections to chapter 69.04 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout sections 2 through 4 of this act.

8 (1) "Salmon" means all species of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, except
9 those classified as game fish in Title 77 RCW, and includes:

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12 <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Chinook salmon
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13 <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	Coho salmon
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14 <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Chum salmon
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15 <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>	Pink salmon
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1 Oncorhynchus nerka Sockeye salmon
2 Salmo salar (in other than Atlantic salmon
3 its landlocked form)

4 (2) "Commercially caught" means salmon harvested by commercial
5 fishers.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 No person may label or offer for retail sale any fresh or frozen
9 salmon food fish and cultured aquatic salmon without identifying the
10 species of salmon by its common name. Any person violating the
11 provisions of this section shall be guilty of misbranding under the
12 provisions of this chapter.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 No person may label or offer for retail sale any fresh or frozen:

16 (1) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon without identifying the
17 product as farm raised salmon; or

18 (2) Commercially caught salmon designated as food fish under Title
19 75 RCW without identifying the product as commercially caught salmon;
20 or

21 (3) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon or commercially caught
22 salmon without identifying the product as "domestic" or "imported."

23 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty
24 of misbranding under the provisions of this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
26 to read as follows:

1 To promote honesty and fair dealing for consumers, the director, in
2 consultation with the director of the department of fisheries, shall
3 promulgate rules:

4 (1) Fixing and establishing a reasonable definition and standard of
5 identity for salmon for purposes of consumer labeling; and

6 (2) Enforcing the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act.