

SB 5302 - DIGEST

Establishes destination recreational steelhead fishery pilot projects for the Olympic Peninsula and the Klickitat river to: (1) Protect the health and viability of wild steelhead;

(2) Provide consistent, high quality fishing opportunities for nonguided and guided recreational anglers; and

(3) Ensure that the level of guided angling does not adversely impact wild steelhead populations or the recreational fishing experience.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife, after the first two years of the pilot projects, to calculate the total number of guided rod days in each pilot project area during the prior two years.

Creates the recreational steelhead fishery pilot project account.