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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program for the protection of salmon
2 spawning beds; adding a new section to chapter 75.46 RCW; prescribing
3 penalties; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall prohibit activities that harm or disturb
8 the spawning beds of salmon and other fish on the Skagit river.
9 Prohibited acts include, but are not limited to, wading in or standing
10 on, driving motor vehicles or riding bicycles over, dragging boat
11 anchors through, digging or removing spawning gravel, or any other
12 physical disturbance of the nests of salmon or other fish.

13 (2) The department shall post such areas adjacent to known or
14 probable salmon nests by affixing a durable sign to a post or a tree
15 that includes the following information:

16 NOTICE
17 THE SHORELINE OF THIS AREA CONTAINS SALMON NESTS, ALSO KNOWN AS
18 REDDS. DRIVING OVER, WADING IN, ANCHORING IN, OR STANDING ON
19 OR OTHERWISE DISTURBING SALMON REDDS IS PROHIBITED. FISHING IS

1 ALLOWED ONLY FROM UPLANDS OR FROM A BOAT THAT IS FREE FLOATING
2 OR TETHERED TO AN ABOVE-WATER APPURTENANCE. A VIOLATION OF
3 THIS PROVISION IS AN INFRACTION UNDER CHAPTER 7.84 RCW AND IS
4 SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER
5 VIOLATION.

6 (3) The department shall post the notice described in subsection
7 (2) of this section in the main stem and every tributary of the Skagit
8 river.

9 (4) The department shall provide the information contained in the
10 notice described in subsection (2) of this section in brochures that
11 are disseminated to persons applying for fishing and boating licenses,
12 and shall distribute the brochures widely to retail outlets in Skagit
13 county that cater to outdoor recreation.

14 (5) The department shall work cooperatively with the tribal
15 comanagers for Skagit river fish resources in implementing and
16 enforcing the requirements of this section.

17 (6) The pilot project shall terminate July 1, 2008.

18 (7) Upon completion of the pilot project, the department shall
19 report to the legislature by December 31, 2008, on whether there was an
20 increase in salmon numbers that can be attributed solely to the
21 implementation of the project.

22 (8) This section expires January 1, 2009.

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