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Sponsor(s): Representatives Poulsen, Constantine, Quall, Romero, Schual-Berke and Wolfe

Brief Title: Creating a pilot program for the protection of salmon spawning beds.

**HB 2040 - DIGEST**

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

Provides that upon completion of the pilot project, the department shall report to the legislature by December 31, 2008, on whether there was an increase in salmon numbers that can be attributed solely to the implementation of the project.