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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Swecker, Spanel and Fraser

Brief Description: Providing parameters for a catch and release steelhead fishery.

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Finds that the practice of establishing exclusive catch and release recreational fisheries on steelhead trout by the fish and wildlife commission requires that the commission commit significant resources to assure that these fisheries are not subject to abuse by unknowing or uncaring anglers.

Declares that, the commission shall not authorize catch and release seasons or areas that may harm steelhead trout reproduction by authorizing fishing on spawning beds and for spawning fish.