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Sponsor(s): Senators Morton, Oke, Rasmussen, Sellar and Swecker

Brief Description: Managing stocks of anadromous salmonids.

SB 6320 - DIGEST

Requires a study to be conducted on the ways to increase the returns of stocks of anadromous fish listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species act. The goal of the study is to better manage fish harvesting activities and to improve the selectivity of fishing methods to increase returns of stocks with low numbers while allowing the continued harvest of abundant stocks.

Requires the study to consider all the various methods of allowing improved harvest management and selective harvest strategies and associated harvest gear that can serve as an alternative to a full conservation closure that would restrict all fishing activity, including those that have a very small impact on listed stocks.

Provides that, in conducting the study, the department of fish and wildlife may form an advisory committee that includes representatives of major fishing groups and entities with expertise in the topics.

Requires the results of the study to be included in a report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2000.