FINAL BILL REPORT SJM 8006

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Requesting fish passage modifications be made to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen, Swecker and Parlette.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines House Committee on Natural Resources

Background: The United States Fish and Wildlife Service operates a salmon hatchery on the Icicle River near Leavenworth, Washington. There are currently three Icicle River species of salmonids listed as either threatened or endangered by the federal Endangered Species Act.

The fish hatchery utilizes a water withdrawal design that does not provide protection for naturally spawned salmon or trout. The hatchery withdrawal structure could be modified to provide more protection to wild salmonids.

Summary: The Legislature requests the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to modify the water withdrawal structure at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery in order to make it more compatible with wild salmon and trout. Congress is asked to provide sufficient funding for the project.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0 House 95 0