
SENATE BILL 6050

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By Senators Morton, Oke and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to remote site incubators; amending RCW 77.95.200;
2 adding a new section to chapter 77.95 RCW; creating new sections; and
3 making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In 1998, the legislature authorized
6 development of remote site incubators to reestablish wild salmon and
7 trout populations to self-sustaining status through natural spawning.
8 Remote site incubators were placed in tributaries to assist in the
9 reestablishing of endangered species act listed chinook salmon in the
10 Nooksack river, chum salmon in Hood Canal and the Columbia river, and
11 coho in the north Puget Sound. The first return from these remote site
12 incubator-assisted chum and chinook salmon will be in 2001, and it is
13 the intent of the legislature to provide assistance in the monitoring
14 of the returns to determine remote site incubators' cost-effectiveness
15 for supplementation of fish populations, and to continue the remote
16 site incubator program as a component of wild salmon recovery.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.95.200 and 1998 c 251 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 (1) The department shall develop and implement a program utilizing
2 remote site incubators in Washington state. The program shall identify
3 sites in tributaries that are suitable for reestablishing self-
4 sustaining, locally adapted populations of coho, chum, or chinook
5 salmon. ~~((The initial selection of sites shall be completed by July 1,
6 1999, and updated annually thereafter.))~~

7 (2) The department may only approve a remote site incubator project
8 if the department deems it is consistent with the conservation of wild
9 salmon and trout. The department shall only utilize appropriate
10 salmonid eggs in remote site incubators, and may acquire eggs by gift
11 or purchase.

12 (3) The department shall depend chiefly upon volunteer efforts to
13 implement the remote site incubator program through volunteer
14 cooperative projects and the regional fisheries enhancement groups.
15 The department may prioritize remote site incubator projects within
16 regional enhancement areas.

17 (4) The department may purchase remote site incubators and may use
18 agency employees to construct remote site incubators. The ~~((director
19 and the secretary of the))~~ department ~~((of corrections))~~ shall
20 ~~((jointly investigate the potential of producing remote site incubators
21 through the prison industries program of the department of corrections,
22 and shall jointly))~~ annually evaluate the results of the program and
23 report ((their finding)) to the natural resources committees of the
24 house of representatives and the senate by December ~~((1, 1999))~~ 1st of
25 each year. The fish and wildlife commission must be provided with
26 annual reports on the progress of the program.

27 (5) The department shall investigate the use of the remote site
28 incubator technology for the production of warm water fish.

29 ~~((6) The department shall evaluate the initial results of the
30 program and report to the legislature by December 1, 2000. Annual
31 reports on the progress of the program shall be provided to the fish
32 and wildlife commission.))~~

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.95 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The remote site incubator account is created in the custody of the
36 state treasurer. All receipts from appropriations must be deposited
37 into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
38 remote site incubator projects. Only the director of fish and wildlife

1 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
2 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
3 but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The sum of two hundred twenty-five
5 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
6 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, from the general
7 fund to the department of fish and wildlife for deposit in the remote
8 site incubator account created in section 3 of this act.

9 (2) The sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or as much
10 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the department of fish and
12 wildlife for deposit in the remote site incubator account created in
13 section 3 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
15 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
16 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
17 void.

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