

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5113**

Chapter 30, Laws of 2007

60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

WATER CLARIFICATION--BARLEY STRAW

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/22/07

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2007  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 3, 2007  
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 13, 2007, 10:37 a.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5113** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

FILED

April 13, 2007

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Schoesler, Rasmussen, Holmquist, Clements, Morton,  
Hatfield and Pridemore

Read first time 01/10/2007. Referred to Committee on Agriculture &  
Rural Economic Development.

1            AN ACT Relating to barley straw for water clarification; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the  
7 application of barley straw to waters of the state for the purposes of  
8 water clarification does not require a state waste discharge permit as  
9 long as the following provisions are met:

10           (a) The barley straw is applied at a rate of up to two hundred  
11 twenty-five pounds per acre of surface water;

12           (b) Whole bales or tightly packed straw are not used. Straw must  
13 be loosely packed in nylon or mesh bags;

14           (c) Bags of straw are placed where control is desired, such as  
15 around docks and swim areas, and around inlets to aid in aeration or  
16 mixing;

17           (d) The bags must be staked or anchored in place;

18           (e) Straw is placed in early spring, prior to the growth of algae;

19 and

1 (f) Bags are removed four to six months after placement and must  
2 not be left in the water over winter.

3 (2) The placement of barley straw into waters of the state in any  
4 other instance is not authorized absent a permit.

5 (3) This section does not alter any permit requirement that may  
6 exist under chapter 77.55 RCW.

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