

EHB 2957 - S AMD 863  
By Senator Short

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1 On page 10, after line 8, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 77.125  
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) All marine net pen finfish aquaculture operators are subject  
5 to a limit of three violations of a department lease or permit in any  
6 ten-year period.

7 (2) The department must immediately revoke permits and cancel  
8 leases for operators found to have committed three or more violations  
9 of the terms of their lease within any ten-year period.

10 (3) Relevant state departments must immediately notify all  
11 current leaseholders and permittees of the provisions in this  
12 subsection and incorporate these.

13 (4) Any accidental escape of any number of farmed finfish from a  
14 marine net pen operator's facility is considered a violation for the  
15 purposes of this section.

16 (5) The departments of agriculture, ecology, fish and wildlife,  
17 and natural resources may not contract with or permit with any marine  
18 net pen finfish aquaculture operator that has received three or more  
19 violations."

EFFECT: Adds a three strikes and you're out provision limiting  
all net pen operators to three lease or permit violations, including  
accidental releases of farmed finfish.

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