

HB 2956 - DIGEST

Authorizes the department of natural resources to enter into a new aquatic land lease, or renew or extend the lease, for the purpose of Atlantic salmon or nonnative finfish aquaculture if the lease is for the culture of single-sex Atlantic salmon or other single-sex nonnative marine finfish.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Permit Atlantic salmon or other nonnative marine finfish aquaculture if the permits are for activities or operations related to marine aquaculture of single-sex Atlantic salmon or other single-sex nonnative finfish; and

(2) Permit the transport of Atlantic salmon or other nonnative finfish if the transport is for single-sex Atlantic salmon or other nonnative finfish.

Prohibits the department of ecology from permitting activities or operations for the marine aquaculture of Atlantic salmon or other nonnative finfish unless the permits are for the marine aquaculture of single-sex Atlantic salmon or other single-sex nonnative finfish.