

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4012

As of February 17, 2020

Brief Description: Recognizing the international year of the salmon.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Stokesbary, DeBolt, Irwin, Stonier, Chapman, Kilduff, Wylie, Pellicciotti, Orwall, Sullivan, Pettigrew, Peterson, Paul, Slatter, Blake, Shewmake, Tharinger, Doglio, Goodman, Cody, Ormsby, Pollet, Valdez, Callan, Ramos, Leavitt, Stanford, Sells and Appleton.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/20, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 2/28/20.

Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Affirms the Legislature's support for recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) and the research efforts that are a part of the IYS initiative.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

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Background: The IYS is an initiative of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC), with the stated goal to create awareness and foster understanding of the issues facing wild salmon and their impact on the communities that benefit from the resource. The focal year of the IYS is 2019, with IYS-related activities continuing into 2022. Activities associated with the IYS include education, research, and outreach. For research activities in collaboration with the scientific community, the NASCO and the NPAFC have identified broad research themes including understanding the current status of salmon and their environments; natural and man-made factors impacting salmon abundance; new methods and technologies in salmon science; connecting salmon-dependent communities to improve resiliency; and developing information systems to support future research.

Summary of Joint Memorial: The Legislature affirms its support for recognizing 2019 as the IYS, and for continued investment in wild salmon recovery.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.