

**RCW 77.95.270 State purchase of private salmon smolts—**

**Availability of excess salmon eggs.** Except as provided in RCW 77.95.210, the department may make available to private contractors salmon eggs in excess of department hatchery needs for the purpose of contract rearing to release the smolts into public waters. However, providing salmon eggs as specified in RCW 77.95.210(2) has the highest priority. The priority of providing eggs surplus after meeting the requirements of RCW 77.95.210(2) to contract rearing is a higher priority than providing eggs to aquaculture purposes that are not destined for release into Washington public waters. [2001 c 337 § 2; 1989 c 336 § 6. Formerly RCW 75.08.450.]

**Severability—1989 c 336:** See note following RCW 77.95.220.