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1 AN ACT Relating to the accounting of salmon and steelhead; adding
2 new sections to Title 75 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
5 documentation of salmon and steelhead catches is of vital importance to
6 all citizens of the state, especially since certain fish stocks have
7 been designated as endangered species. The potentially high economic
8 cost of endangered fish recovery measures make it mandatory that all
9 possible efforts be taken to reduce the possibility that additional
10 fish stocks are listed as endangered or threatened. The accurate
11 recording of fish catches may help prevent overfishing on endangered
12 fish stocks.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director of fisheries, in
2 cooperation with the director of wildlife, shall develop a plan to
3 improve the accounting system for the salmon and steelhead catch by
4 December 31, 1992. Both directors shall cooperatively work with the
5 national marine fisheries service, the Northwest Indian tribes, and the
6 Oregon department of fisheries and wildlife in order to make the
7 application of the accounting system as comprehensive and useful as
8 possible.

9 The objectives of the improved catch accounting system are to
10 accurately record all salmon and steelhead catches, regardless if they
11 occur in offshore waters, in tidal areas, or in rivers or streams. The
12 improved system shall result in increased public confidence in the
13 methods with which salmon and steelhead catches are recorded and
14 ultimately how the catches are managed.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director of fisheries and the
16 director of wildlife shall examine ways in which incentives, such as a
17 rebate on recreational salmon licenses, or penalties may be used in
18 order to improve the accuracy of salmon or steelhead catch reporting
19 and shall propose recommended statutory changes to the legislature by
20 December 31, 1992.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A copy of this act shall be sent or
22 transmitted by the secretary of state to the national marine fisheries
23 service, the Oregon department of fish and wildlife, and the Northwest
24 Indian tribes.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are
26 each added to Title 75 RCW.