
SENATE BILL 6204

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By Senators Snyder and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to seaweed harvesting; amending RCW 79.01.805,
2 79.01.810, and 79.01.815; decodifying RCW 79.96.907; repealing RCW
3 79.01.820; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.01.805 and 1993 c 283 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The maximum daily wet weight harvest or possession of seaweed
8 for personal use from all private and public tidelands and state
9 bedlands is ten pounds per person. The department of natural resources
10 in cooperation with the department of ((fisheries)) fish and wildlife
11 may establish seaweed harvest limits of less than ten pounds for
12 conservation purposes. This section shall in no way affect the ability
13 of any state agency to prevent harvest of any species of marine aquatic
14 plant from lands under its control, ownership, or management.

15 (2) Commercial harvesting of seaweed from private and public
16 tidelands and state bedlands is prohibited.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79.01.810 and 1993 c 283 s 4 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 (1) A violation of RCW 79.01.805 is (~~(an infraction under chapter~~
2 ~~7.84 RCW, punishable by a penalty of one hundred dollars)) a~~
3 misdemeanor punishable in accordance with RCW 9.92.030.

4 (2) Treble damages may be awarded for damage to natural resources.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79.01.815 and 1993 c 283 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department of (~~(fisheries))~~ fish and wildlife and law
8 enforcement authorities may enforce the provisions of RCW 79.01.805 and
9 79.01.810.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 79.01.820 and 1993 c 283 s 6 are each
11 repealed.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 79.96.907 is decodified.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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