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SENATE BILL 6573

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By Senators Rasmussen and Swecker

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to salmon and steelhead roe harvesting; adding a
- 2 new section to chapter 77.15 RCW; creating a new section; and
- 3 prescribing penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the practice of
- 6 harvesting roe from threatened or endangered salmon and steelhead
- 7 occurs, and that the survival of some stocks of anadromous fish may be
- 8 jeopardized by this activity.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.15 RCW
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (1) Roe harvesting is the practice of catching a threatened or
- 12 endangered female anadromous salmon or steelhead, removing and
- 13 retaining the eggs, and discarding the carcass.
- 14 (2) It is unlawful to practice roe harvesting.
- 15 (3) A violation of this section is a class C felony.

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