

1499-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Jackley, Buck, Rockefeller, Eickmeyer, Sump, Doumit, Pennington and Dunn)

Brief Description: Regulating marine fin fish aquaculture.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that marine aquaculture net pen facilities in Washington state have accidentally released Atlantic salmon into Puget Sound.

Declares that it is necessary to minimize escapes through the implementation of statewide prevention measures.

Requires the director, in cooperation with the marine fin fish aquatic farmers, to develop proposed rules for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of marine fin fish aquaculture programs. The proposed rules shall be submitted to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2002, to allow for legislative review of the proposed rules.

Provides that rules to implement this act shall be adopted no sooner than thirty days following the end of the 2002 regular legislative session. The director shall provide a written report to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2003, on the progress of the program.