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Sponsor(s): Senator Jacobsen

Brief Description: Permitting the closure of rivers to protect salmon.

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Declares that when, in the opinion of the fish and wildlife commission, any river or stream is subject to any abnormal streamflow condition, the commission may designate the river or stream as an area subject to closure, and the commission shall adopt rules for the protection thereof.

Provides that, in times and localities of abnormal streamflow conditions, the commission may issue an order suspending any or all hydraulic permits or privileges authorized by chapter 77.55 RCW and may prohibit absolutely the alteration of the natural flow or bed of any salt or fresh waters in these locations.

Provides criminal penalties for violations of the act.