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SENATE BILL 5876

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By Senators Poulsen and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon and steelhead spawning beds; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 77.95 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.95 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall produce educational materials discouraging  
7 activities that harm or disturb the spawning beds of salmon and  
8 steelhead. Discouraged activities to be addressed in the educational  
9 materials include, but are not limited to: Wading on spawning beds;  
10 driving motor vehicles on spawning beds; use of high-powered jet or  
11 propeller-driven boats across spawning beds; dragging anchors through  
12 spawning beds; digging or removing gravel from spawning beds; or any  
13 other physical disturbance capable of disturbing spawning fish or  
14 damaging or destroying nests of incubating eggs.

15 (2) The educational materials must include, at a minimum, brochures  
16 for distribution to persons applying for fishing and boating licenses  
17 statewide. The department must also distribute the brochures widely to  
18 retail outlets that cater to outdoor recreation.

1           (3) The department shall work cooperatively with the tribal fishery  
2 comanagers in the development of the educational materials.

3           (4) The department shall report to the legislature concerning the  
4 effectiveness of this section after at least two spawning cycles of  
5 salmon and steelhead have occurred following the initiation of  
6 distribution of the educational materials. However, the report must be  
7 provided by December 1, 2012, at the latest.

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