

**HB 1229 - DIGEST**

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Seek to optimize the economic value of the state's fishery resource; and

(2) When making fisheries management determinations and setting fishing seasons, maximize recreational fishing opportunity within available harvests before determining commercial fishing opportunity.

Requires the fish and wildlife commission, when using hatcheries to enhance fishing opportunities and consistent with all tribal treaty obligations, to prioritize production at hatcheries based on their contribution to recreational fisheries.