
**Rural Development, Agriculture &
Natural Resources Committee**

HB 1172

Brief Description: Recognizing judicially affirmed and treaty-reserved fishing rights and promoting state-tribal cooperative agreements in the management of salmon, trout, and steelhead resources.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Kloba, Ramel, Leavitt, Davis, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Riccelli, Bateman, Gregerson and Duerr; by request of Attorney General.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Repeals statutory provisions related to the management of salmon and steelhead resources.

Hearing Date: 1/27/21

Staff: Robert Hatfield (786-7117).

Background:

Initiative 456 was passed by the voters in 1984. The measure enacted provisions relating to the management of salmon and steelhead resources, including:

- declaring that an emergency exists in the management of salmon and steelhead trout resources such that both are in great peril;
- petitioning the United States Congress to immediately make the steelhead trout a national game fish; declaring that conservation, enhancement, and proper utilization of the state's natural resources, including but not limited to lands, waters, timber, fish, and game, are responsibilities of the State of Washington and remain within its express domain;
- declaring that "no citizen shall be denied equal access to and use of any resource on the basis of race, sex, origin, cultural heritage, or by and through any treaty based upon the

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- same";
- declaring that "under the Indians Citizens Act of 1924, all Indians became citizens of the United States and subject to the Constitution and laws of the United States and state in which they reside"; and
 - declaring that "any special off-reservation legal rights or privileges of Indians established through treaties that are denied to other citizens were terminated by that 1924 enactment, and any denial of rights to any citizen based upon race, sex, origin, cultural heritage, or by and through any treaty based upon the same is unconstitutional."

Summary of Bill:

Initiative 456 is repealed in its entirety.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.