
Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

HJM 4000

Brief Description: Recognizing the international year of the salmon.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Robertson, Ramel, Pollet, Reed and Doglio.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Affirms the Legislature's support for recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) and the research efforts that were a part of the IYS initiative.

Hearing Date:

Staff: Rebecca Lewis (786-7339).

Background:

The International Year of the Salmon (IYS) was an initiative of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC), with the stated goal to create awareness and foster understanding of the issues facing wild salmon and their impact on the communities that benefit from the resource. The focal year of the IYS was 2019, with IYS-related activities continuing through 2022.

Activities associated with the IYS included education, research, and outreach. For research activities in collaboration with the scientific community, the NASCO and the NPAFC identified broad research themes, including: understanding the current status of salmon and their environments; natural and man-made factors impacting salmon abundance; new methods and technologies in salmon science; connecting salmon-dependent communities to improve resiliency; and developing information systems to support future research.

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Summary of Bill:

The Legislature affirms its support for recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon, and for continued investment in wild salmon recovery.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: