
SENATE BILL 6207

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By Senators Braun, Dozier, Salomon, Schoesler, and J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to maintaining hatchery production of salmonids;
2 adding a new section to chapter 77.95 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Many anadromous fish stocks in Washington
6 state are sensitive or endangered and have, as a result, been
7 supplemented through hatchery programs. As budget constraints hit the
8 governments who operate the hatcheries, the stocks continue to
9 suffer. The legislature finds that the department of fish and
10 wildlife shall maintain the production of anadromous hatchery fish
11 regardless of hatchery closures.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.95
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 The department shall not reduce the production of any anadromous
15 fisheries stock from the closure of hatcheries and must offset the
16 loss of production from the closure of a hatchery with increased
17 production in other facilities.

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