
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6593

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Rasmussen and Morton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of natural resources; and adding
2 new sections to chapter 79.90 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 79.90 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature recognizes the importance of aquaculture, including
7 finfish net-pen aquaculture, to the state of Washington. When
8 practiced in an environmentally safe manner, finfish net-pen
9 aquaculture provides long-term economic benefits, fosters water-
10 dependent uses of state waters, and encompasses activities that should
11 be promoted by the state. Recognizing the desirability of aquaculture,
12 the legislature finds that there is a need to identify locations for
13 finfish net-pen aquaculture that will reduce land-use conflicts and
14 adverse environmental impacts.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79.90 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The department of natural resources shall study establishment of
18 finfish net-pen aquaculture zones within the Strait of Juan de Fuca,

1 and areas in the Pacific Ocean, selecting locations which (1) reduce
2 land-use conflicts, (2) minimize competition with other water-dependent
3 uses, (3) limit adverse environmental impacts, and (4) provide optimal
4 marine and weather conditions for finfish net pens.

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