

SB 5844 - DIGEST

Requires the department of fish and wildlife, when making fisheries management determinations and setting fishing seasons, to 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, to, consistent with all tribal treaty obligations, prioritize production at hatcheries based on their contribution to recreational fisheries.

Requires license fees and tax revenues deposited into the state wildlife account that are received from specific user groups to be appropriated to, and used for, activities that directly support or benefit the user group from which the funds were received.