

FINAL BILL REPORT

2SSB 5083

FULL VETO

AS PASSED LEGISLATURE

Brief Description: Reconstructing salmon hatcheries.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators L. Smith, Snyder, Oke and Rasmussen).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

BACKGROUND:

The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens destroyed the salmon hatcheries on the Toutle River. Recent tests have shown that Toutle River conditions are suitable for salmon production; however, salmon rearing facilities on the Toutle River are in disrepair.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Fisheries shall reconstruct and operate the state funded salmon hatcheries on the Toutle River to the extent that state funds are appropriated for this purpose. The department shall request federal funding to reconstruct and operate the Green River salmon hatchery which is located on a tributary of the Toutle River. In the event that federal funding is not available to construct and operate the Green River hatchery, then the department shall report to the Legislature by December 1, 1991 on the efforts made to secure funding and the department's allocation of salmon hatchery funding.

Passage of adult salmon above the hatchery is assured in order to facilitate natural spawning.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	41	2	
House	94	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

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