

SENATE BILL 5302

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By Senators Snyder, Metcalf, Rasmussen, Anderson, L. Smith, Amondson, Patterson and Oke.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of fisheries; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 75.08 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 75.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The primary mission of the department shall be the production of
7 salmon. The role of the department in salmon production is critical
8 because of depletion in the salmon runs due to natural causes such as
9 flooding, landslides and drought, and from human habitat alterations,
10 pollution, and overfishing.

11 The department shall emphasize hatchery production of salmon and
12 natural production of salmon.

13 In cases where the department is faced with budgetary cutbacks, the
14 director shall not reduce the poundage or numbers of salmon produced.