
SENATE BILL 5685

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By Senators Snyder and Conner.

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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial salmon fishing; amending RCW
2 75.12.210 and 75.12.230; creating a new section; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of RCW 75.12.210(3) is to
6 provide nontreaty commercial salmon fishermen with an opportunity to
7 harvest at least fifty percent of the harvestable surplus of chum and
8 sockeye salmon returning to rivers on the Quinault Indian reservation.
9 Nontreaty ocean fisheries are presently unable to harvest these
10 species, and, as a result, Quinault treaty fishermen are the sole
11 beneficiaries of these salmon stocks.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 75.12.210 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 46 s 60 are each
13 amended to read as follows:

1 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it is
2 unlawful to fish for or take salmon with gear other than troll gear or
3 angling gear within the offshore waters or the waters of the Pacific
4 Ocean over which the state has jurisdiction lying west of the following
5 line: Commencing at the point of intersection of the international
6 boundary line in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and a line drawn between
7 the lighthouse on Tatoosh Island in Clallam County and Bonilla Point on
8 Vancouver Island; thence southerly to the lighthouse on Tatoosh Island;
9 thence southerly to the most westerly point of Cape Flattery; thence
10 southerly along the state shoreline of the Pacific Ocean, crossing any
11 river mouths at their most westerly points of land, to Point Brown at
12 the entrance to Grays Harbor; thence southerly to Point Chehalis Light
13 on Point Chehalis; thence southerly from Point Chehalis along the state
14 shoreline of the Pacific Ocean to Cape Shoalwater Light at the entrance
15 to Willapa Bay; thence southerly to Leadbetter Point; thence southerly
16 along the state shoreline of the Pacific Ocean to the inshore end of
17 the North jetty at the entrance to the Columbia River; thence southerly
18 to the knuckle of the South jetty at the entrance to said river.

19 (2) The director may authorize the use of nets for taking salmon in
20 the waters described in subsection (1) of this section for scientific
21 investigations.

22 (3) The department shall establish by rule commercial net fishing
23 areas, consisting of all marine areas within a three-mile radius of
24 each of the mouths of the Quinault, Queets, and Raft rivers. The
25 department shall establish seasons for taking chum and sockeye salmon
26 in these three areas. Commercial salmon net fishing in these three
27 areas is authorized only for persons holding Grays Harbor-Columbia
28 river commercial salmon fishing gill net licenses.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 75.12.230 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 46 s 61 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Within the waters described in RCW 75.12.210, it is unlawful to
4 transport or possess salmon on board a vessel carrying fishing gear of
5 a type other than troll lines or angling gear, unless accompanied by a
6 certificate issued by a state or country showing that the salmon have
7 been lawfully taken within the territorial waters of the state or
8 country.

9 This section does not apply to persons fishing under the authority
10 of RCW 75.12.210(3).

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
14 effect immediately.