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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Craswell and Oke)

Brief Description: Establishing Hood Canal as a marine fish preservation area.

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Directs the department of fisheries to conduct a study for the purpose of determining the causes of decline in runs of Hood Canal origin coho salmon.

Authorizes the department to establish no fishing zones at salmon staging areas at the mouths of all Hood Canal streams and rivers.

Designates all marine fishing areas south of the Hood Canal floating bridge as a marine fish preservation area.

Provides for a moratorium on the taking of bottom fish until stocks are replenished.