

2 **ESSB 6120** - H COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that cooperative  
8 groups and regional fisheries enhancement groups provide a valuable  
9 service to the state. They improve the habitat for anadromous fish and  
10 directly enhance the populations of anadromous fish utilizing fish  
11 culture technology. The contributions provided by these groups is  
12 invaluable. The legislature recognizes that efforts should be made to  
13 encourage the development of cooperative groups and regional fisheries  
14 enhancement groups. The restoration of our anadromous fish stocks can  
15 be facilitated by the full public participation that these groups  
16 provide.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 The department shall strive to provide fish eggs and fry requested  
20 by cooperative groups in all cases after the needs of state-operated  
21 and tribally operated facilities have been met. In no case shall the  
22 department sell suitable viable eggs when there is a request for eggs  
23 from a cooperative group that could be fulfilled by that particular  
24 stock of salmon egg, as determined by the department. If suitable eggs  
25 are not available, then the department shall make every effort to make  
26 available alternate salmon species, races, or stocks that could be used  
27 for fish culture purposes, with the ultimate goal being to increase the  
28 salmon resource of the state.

29 Beginning June 1, 1995, the department shall make efforts,  
30 consistent with its wild stock salmonid policy, to administer the  
31 cooperative projects program with consistency and fairness state-wide.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.52 RCW  
33 to read as follows:

1 The department shall strive to provide fish eggs and fry to  
2 regional fisheries enhancement groups in all cases after the needs of  
3 state-operated and tribally operated facilities have been met. In no  
4 case shall the department sell suitable viable eggs when there is a  
5 request for eggs from a regional fisheries enhancement group that could  
6 be fulfilled by that particular stock of salmon egg, as determined by  
7 the department. If suitable eggs are not available, then the  
8 department shall make every effort to make available alternate salmon  
9 species, races, or stocks that could be used for fish culture purposes,  
10 with the ultimate goal being to increase the salmon resource of the  
11 state.

12 Beginning June 1, 1995, the department shall make efforts,  
13 consistent with its wild stock salmonid policy, to administer the  
14 regional fisheries enhancement group program with consistency and  
15 fairness state-wide.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 The department shall notify all regional fisheries enhancement  
19 groups of any closures or proposed closures of salmon enhancement  
20 facilities owned by the department.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The house of representatives fisheries and  
22 wildlife committee and the senate natural resources committee shall  
23 develop legislative proposals for the 1995 legislative session that  
24 will authorize state agencies, cooperative groups, and regional  
25 fisheries enhancement groups to obtain all necessary state and local  
26 permits for their fish enhancement projects at no cost, provided that  
27 such projects are designed to benefit the fish and wildlife resources  
28 of the state, and that the enhanced fish and wildlife resources are  
29 available for use by all citizens of the state.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If the department of natural resources  
31 receives federal funds for the purpose of watershed restoration during  
32 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, the department shall use three  
33 hundred thousand dollars of these funds to develop a public and private  
34 land habitat improvement program for the purposes of increasing rearing  
35 habitat for anadromous fish, unless the expenditure of such funds for

1 this purpose is expressly prohibited. The department shall involve  
2 interested landowners in development of the program.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department of fish and wildlife shall  
4 examine the potential for creating incentives for public and private  
5 landowners to develop fish enhancement projects. The study of such  
6 incentives shall include regulatory, financial, and technical  
7 assistance methods of encouraging such projects. The department shall  
8 involve representatives from the following entities in its study:  
9 Private and public landowners, affected tribal, state, federal, and  
10 local government agencies, the environmental community, and others as  
11 the department determines is necessary. By December 31, 1994, the  
12 department shall report to the appropriate committees of the  
13 legislature its findings and recommendations on appropriate incentives  
14 and on needed statutory changes or funding.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If the department of fish and wildlife  
16 receives federal funds for the purpose of watershed restoration during  
17 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, the department shall use two hundred  
18 fifty-eight thousand dollars of such funds for the purpose of funding  
19 adequate field staff for assisting the regional fisheries enhancement  
20 groups and cooperative groups, unless the expenditure of such funds for  
21 this purpose is expressly prohibited.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 6 of this act shall constitute a new  
23 chapter in Title 76 RCW.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994."

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