

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1612

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Testing the feasibility of remote site incubators for salmon enhancement.

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morton, King, Basich, Kremen, Sheldon, Foreman, Fuhrman, Chandler and Padden).

House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Background: A person can incubate salmon eggs in a small device called a remote site incubator. Smaller than a garbage can, it may be packed into small streams which are otherwise inaccessible. Eggs that are in the incubator receive a constant supply of fresh water from the stream. Fry that hatch out move directly into the stream.

The Department of Fisheries has used several of these incubators, but has not evaluated their success.

Summary: The Department of Fisheries is directed to develop and implement a pilot project in one or more watersheds to test remote site incubators, and to evaluate salmon egg survival, fry survival, and adult returns. The department must use volunteers to implement the pilot project. The department is directed to report to the Legislature by December 31, 1993, and each year for the following four years, on the progress and success of the remote site incubators.

This act is null and void because funding was not provided through the omnibus appropriations act.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: July 25, 1993