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By Representatives King, Fuhrman, Johanson, Horn, Springer, Wood and Basich

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon enhancement; and amending RCW 75.08.420  
2 and 75.08.450.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.08.420 and 1989 c 336 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The director ((may)) shall contract with cooperatives or ((private  
7 aquaculturists)) aquatic farmers, as defined in RCW 15.85.020(2), for  
8 the purchase of quality salmon smolts for release into public waters  
9 ((if all department fish rearing facilities are operating at full  
10 capacity. The intent of cooperative and private sector contracting is  
11 to explore the opportunities of cooperatively producing more salmon for  
12 the public fisheries without incurring additional capital expense for  
13 the department)). The director shall contract with aquatic farmers for  
14 the purchase of quality salmon smolts to meet a portion of the salmon  
15 production scheduled for the department in any year.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 75.08.450 and 1989 c 336 s 6 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

1       The department (~~may~~) shall make available to (~~private~~  
2 ~~contractors~~) aquatic farmers, as defined in RCW 15.85.020(2), located  
3 in the state of Washington, salmon eggs (~~in excess of department~~  
4 ~~hatchery needs~~) for the purpose of contract rearing to release the  
5 smolts into Washington public waters. (~~The priority of providing eggs~~  
6 ~~to contract rearing shall be higher than providing eggs to aquaculture~~  
7 ~~purposes which are not destined for release into Washington public~~  
8 ~~waters.~~)

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