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1 AN ACT Relating to surplus salmon eggs; adding a new section to
2 chapter 75.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds the department of
5 fisheries produces surplus salmon eggs every year as part of the state
6 hatchery salmon production cycle. The legislature has authorized the
7 department to sell surplus salmon eggs to any person, at any cost, for
8 use in cultivation of salmon in any location. The legislature finds
9 the implementation of this law has had an adverse impact on private
10 aquatic farmers in the state. Private aquatic farmers have attempted
11 to develop improved commercial salmon broodstock for commercial egg
12 production and have been unsuccessful because the price of state eggs
13 has degraded the market price so dramatically that development of a
14 captive broodstock is not economically feasible. The legislature
15 further finds the majority of subsidized state eggs also are sold to
16 foreign private aquatic farmers who use them to produce pen-reared
17 salmon that are sold in the United States markets to compete with
18 Washington-raised farmed salmon and salmon harvested by commercial
19 fishers. It is the intent of the legislature that the average sale

1 price for surplus salmon eggs produced by the state be no less than the
2 average sale price for salmon eggs produced by private aquatic farmers
3 in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall conduct a survey of private aquatic
7 farmers in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia to determine the
8 average price they are receiving for the sale of their salmon eggs.
9 The survey shall be conducted each year. The department shall not sell
10 any surplus salmon eggs at a price less than the average sale price in
11 the previous year for salmon eggs sold by private aquatic farmers in
12 Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

13 (2) Any aggrieved person may bring a legal action, to include
14 injunctive relief, to enforce this section.

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