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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon enhancement; amending RCW 75.50.100; and
2 adding new sections to chapter 75.08 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.50.100 and 1990 c 58 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The dedicated regional fisheries enhancement group account is
7 created in the custody of the state treasurer. Only the director or
8 the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
9 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
10 but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

11 A surcharge of one dollar shall be collected on each recreational
12 salmon license sold in the state. A surcharge of one hundred dollars
13 shall be collected on each commercial salmon fishing license and each
14 charter boat "salmon and other food fish" license sold in the state.
15 The department shall study methods for collecting and making available,
16 an annual list, including names and addresses, of all persons who
17 obtain recreational and commercial salmon fishing licenses. This list
18 may be used to assist formation of the regional fisheries enhancement
19 groups and allow the broadest participation of license holders in

1 enhancement efforts. The results of the study shall be reported to the
2 house of representatives fisheries and wildlife committee and the
3 senate environment and natural resources committee by October 1, 1990.
4 All receipts shall be placed in the regional fisheries enhancement
5 group account and shall be used exclusively for regional fisheries
6 enhancement group projects for the purposes of RCW 75.50.110. Funds
7 from the regional fisheries enhancement group account (~~(shall not)~~) may
8 serve as replacement funding for department operated salmon projects
9 that exist on January 1, 1991, if the salmon projects are operated by
10 a regional fisheries enhancement group.

11 All revenue from the department's sale of salmon carcasses and eggs
12 that return to group facilities shall be deposited in the regional
13 fisheries enhancement group account for use by the regional fisheries
14 enhancement group that produced the surplus. The department shall
15 adopt rules to implement this section pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
17 the sale of excess salmon eggs and carcasses may be conducted by
18 regional fisheries enhancement groups as authorized by the department.
19 Revenue from sales of excess salmon eggs and carcasses may only be used
20 on projects that support artificially and naturally produced salmon,
21 restore or improve habitat, or identify ways to increase the survival
22 of salmon. All such sales revenue must be duly reported to the
23 department in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
25 regional fisheries enhancement groups authorized to conduct the sale of
26 excess salmon eggs and carcasses, if further authorized by the
27 department, may conduct terminal area hatchery harvests of surplus
28 hatchery returns with the proceeds of the hatchery harvest to be used
29 to help pay the cost of maintaining hatchery production, increasing the
30 production of wild salmon, restore and improve habitat, or identify
31 ways to increase the survival of salmon.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The department of fisheries may contract the
33 operation and maintenance of state salmon hatcheries with regional
34 fisheries enhancement groups if present state employees at affected
35 hatcheries maintain state employment status and do not lose their jobs
36 because of the contracts.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each
2 added to chapter 75.08 RCW.

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