

2 **SHB 2605** - S AMD  
3 By Committee on Natural Resources

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 79.01.805 and 1994 c 286 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The maximum daily wet weight harvest or possession of seaweed  
10 for personal use from all aquatic lands as defined under RCW 79.90.010  
11 and all privately owned tidelands is ten pounds per person. The  
12 department of natural resources in cooperation with the department of  
13 fish and wildlife may establish seaweed harvest limits of less than ten  
14 pounds for conservation purposes. This section shall in no way affect  
15 the ability of any state agency to prevent harvest of any species of  
16 marine aquatic plant from lands under its control, ownership, or  
17 management.

18 (2) Except as provided under subsection (3) of this section,  
19 commercial harvesting of seaweed from aquatic lands as defined under  
20 RCW 79.90.010, and all privately owned tidelands is prohibited. This  
21 subsection shall in no way affect commercial seaweed aquaculture.

22 (3) Upon mutual approval by the department and the department of  
23 fish and wildlife, seaweed species of the genus *Macrocystis* may be  
24 commercially harvested for use in the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery.

25 (4) ~~((Seaweed species of the genus *Macrocystis* may not be imported  
26 after July 1, 1995, for use in the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery.))~~  
27 Importation of seaweed species of the genus *Macrocystis* into Washington  
28 state for the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery is subject to the fish and  
29 shellfish disease control policies of the department of fish and  
30 wildlife. *Macrocystis* shall not be imported from areas with fish or  
31 shellfish diseases associated with organisms that are likely to be  
32 transported with *Macrocystis*. The department of fish and wildlife  
33 shall incorporate this policy on *Macrocystis* importation into its  
34 overall fish and shellfish disease control policies.

35 (5) The department of natural resources shall assess the  
36 department's management policy and make recommendations to the

1 legislature for appropriate statutory changes concerning marine seaweed  
2 conservation, harvest, reintroduction, aquaculture, and long-term  
3 productivity of the seaweed resource and aquatic environment. The  
4 department shall report its findings to the legislature on or before  
5 December 1, 1997.

6 (6) The fish and wildlife commission shall examine and report to  
7 the legislature on the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery to determine the  
8 advisability of continuing the fishery, allowing importation of kelp  
9 from sources outside of the state, the threat of disease and pest  
10 introduction, and the long-term health of the herring resource. In  
11 formulating its recommendations the commission shall place the  
12 conservation needs of salmon and marine groundfish which depend on  
13 healthy herring stocks at a higher priority than the needs of the  
14 spawn-on-kelp fishery. The commission shall report its findings to the  
15 legislature on or before December 1, 1997."

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19 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "seaweed;" strike the  
20 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 79.01.805."

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