
HOUSE BILL 2946

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By Representative McCune

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon labeling for human consumption; amending
2 RCW 69.04.934; adding a new section to chapter 69.04 RCW; and providing
3 and effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.04.934 and 1993 c 282 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 With the exception of a commercial fisher engaged in sales of fish
8 to a fish buyer, no person may sell at wholesale or retail any fresh or
9 frozen:

10 (1) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon without identifying the
11 product as farm-raised salmon and the state, province, or foreign
12 country where it was farm raised; or

13 (2) Commercially caught salmon designated as food fish under Title
14 75 RCW without identifying the ~~((product as commercially caught))~~
15 species of salmon by its common name as defined in Title 75 RCW and the
16 state, province, foreign country, or waterbody where it was
17 commercially caught.

1 Identification of the products under subsections (1) and (2) of
2 this section shall be made to the buyer at the point of sale such that
3 the buyer can make an informed decision in purchasing.

4 A person knowingly violating this section is guilty of misbranding
5 under this chapter. A person who receives misleading or erroneous
6 information about whether the salmon is farm-raised or commercially
7 caught, and subsequently inaccurately identifies salmon shall not be
8 guilty of misbranding. This section shall not apply to salmon that is
9 minced, pulverized, coated with batter, or breaded.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 It is unlawful for any person to sell at retail or display for sale
13 at retail any salmon as defined in RCW 75.08.011, without having the
14 package or container in which the salmon is sold bear a label clearly
15 discernible to a customer identifying the species of salmon by its
16 common name.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 1998.

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