
SENATE BILL 6150

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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to evaluating selective fishing methods; and
2 amending RCW 75.28.770.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.28.770 and 1994 c 264 s 46 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The ~~((department shall))~~ fish and wildlife commission shall jointly
7 evaluate and recommend, ~~((in consultation))~~ with the Indian tribes in
8 consultation with the non-Indian commercial and recreational fishing
9 industries, salmon fishery management strategies and gear types, as
10 well as a schedule for implementation, that will minimize the impact of
11 commercial and recreational fishing in the mixed stock fishery on
12 critical and depressed wild stocks of salmonids. ~~((As part of this~~
13 ~~evaluation, the department, in conjunction with the commercial and~~
14 ~~recreational fishing industries, shall evaluate commercial and~~
15 ~~recreational salmon fishing gear types developed by these industries.~~
16 ~~The department shall present status reports to the appropriate~~
17 ~~committees of the legislature by December 31 of each year in 1993,~~
18 ~~1994, and 1995, and shall present the final evaluation and~~
19 ~~recommendations by December 31, 1996.))~~ These selective fishing

1 strategies shall minimize impacts upon weak fish stocks in order to
2 assist species recovery under the endangered species act. Fishing gear
3 and fishing methods that cannot be made compatible with the protection
4 of weak stocks shall be recommended for prohibition. The commission
5 shall present final recommendations to the appropriate legislative
6 committees by December 31, 1998.

7 If the commission fails to produce a report by December 31, 1998,
8 then a written explanation shall be provided to the office of financial
9 management and to the appropriate legislative committees documenting
10 the reasons why selective fishing recommendations could not be
11 developed in a timely manner.

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