

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6149

55th Legislature
1998 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1998
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 4, 1998
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6149** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

FILED

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SENATE BILL 6149

Passed Legislature - 1998 Regular Session

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1998 Regular Session

By Senator Swecker

Read first time 01/12/98. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Parks.

1 AN ACT Relating to the regional fisheries enhancement group
2 advisory board; and amending RCW 75.50.115.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.50.115 and 1995 c 367 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board shall:

7 (a) Assess the training and technical assistance needs of the
8 regional fisheries enhancement groups;

9 (b) Develop a training and technical assistance services plan in
10 order to provide timely, topical technical assistance and training
11 services to regional fisheries enhancement groups. The plan shall be
12 provided to the director and to the senate and house of representatives
13 natural resources committees no later than October 1, 1995, and shall
14 be updated not less than every year. The advisory board shall provide
15 ample opportunity for the public and interested parties to participate
16 in the development of the plan. The plan shall include but is not
17 limited to:

18 (i) Establishment of an information clearinghouse service that is
19 readily available to regional fisheries enhancement groups. The

1 information clearinghouse shall collect, collate, and make available a
2 broad range of information on subjects that affect the development,
3 implementation, and operation of diverse fisheries and habitat
4 enhancement projects. The information clearinghouse service may
5 include periodical news and informational bulletins;

6 (ii) An ongoing program in order to provide direct, on-site
7 technical assistance and services to regional fisheries enhancement
8 groups. The advisory board shall assist regional fisheries enhancement
9 groups in soliciting federal, state, and local agencies, tribal
10 governments, institutions of higher education, and private business for
11 the purpose of providing technical assistance and services to regional
12 fisheries enhancement group projects; and

13 (iii) A cost estimate for implementing the plan;

14 (c) Propose a budget to the director for operation of the advisory
15 board and implementation of the technical assistance plan;

16 (d) Make recommendations to the director regarding regional
17 enhancement group project proposals and funding of those proposals; and

18 (e) Establish criteria for the redistribution of unspent project
19 funds for any regional enhancement group that has a year ending balance
20 exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

21 (2) The regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board may:

22 (a) Facilitate resolution of disputes between regional fisheries
23 enhancement groups and the department;

24 (b) Promote community and governmental partnerships that enhance
25 the salmon resource and habitat;

26 (c) Promote environmental ethics and watershed stewardship;

27 (d) Advocate for watershed management and restoration;

28 (e) Coordinate regional fisheries enhancement group workshops and
29 training;

30 (f) Monitor and evaluate regional fisheries enhancement projects;

31 (g) Provide guidance to regional fisheries enhancement groups; and

32 (h) Develop recommendations to the director to address identified
33 impediments to the success of regional fisheries enhancement groups.

34 (3)(a) The regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board
35 shall develop recommendations for limitations on the amount of overhead
36 that a regional fisheries enhancement group may charge from each of the
37 following categories of funding provided to the group:

38 (i) Federal funds;

39 (ii) State funds;

1 (iii) Local funds; and

2 (iv) Private donations.

3 (b) The advisory board shall develop recommendations for
4 limitations on the number and salary of paid employees that are
5 employed by a regional fisheries enhancement group. The regional
6 fisheries enhancement group advisory board shall adhere to the founding
7 principles for regional groups that emphasize the volunteer nature of
8 the groups, maximization of field-related fishery resource benefits,
9 and minimization of overhead.

10 (c) The advisory board shall evaluate and make recommendations for
11 the limitation or elimination of commissions, finders fees, or other
12 reimbursements to regional fisheries enhancement group employees.

13 (d) The regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board shall
14 report to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 1999, on
15 the board recommendations for overhead limitations, paid employee
16 limitations, and commission limitations for regional fisheries
17 enhancement groups.

--- END ---