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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6264** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oke, Rasmussen, Morton, Swecker and Anderson)

Read first time 02/05/98.

1 AN ACT Relating to mass marking of chinook salmon; amending RCW
2 75.08.510; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that mass marking of
5 hatchery-raised salmon is an effective tool for implementing selective
6 salmon fisheries in this state. Mass marking of coho salmon is
7 currently underway and holds great promise for maintaining both
8 recreational and commercial fishing opportunities while protecting wild
9 stocks. In view of the anticipated listing of Puget Sound chinook
10 salmon as endangered under the federal endangered species act, the
11 legislature finds that it is essential to expeditiously proceed with
12 implementing a mass marking program for chinook salmon in Puget Sound
13 and elsewhere in the state.

14 Through a cooperative effort by state and federal agencies and
15 private enterprise, appropriate technologies have been developed for
16 marking chinook salmon. It is the intent of the legislature to use
17 these newly developed tools to implement chinook salmon mass marking
18 beginning in April 1999.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 75.08.510 and 1995 c 372 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The department shall mark appropriate coho salmon that are released
4 from department operated hatcheries and rearing ponds in such a manner
5 that the fish are externally recognizable as hatchery origin salmon by
6 fishers for the purpose of maximized catch while sustaining wild and
7 hatchery reproduction.

8 The department shall mark all appropriate chinook salmon targeted
9 for contribution to the Washington catch that are released from
10 department operated hatcheries and rearing ponds in such a manner that
11 the fish are externally recognizable as hatchery origin salmon by
12 fishers.

13 The goal of the marking program is: (1) The annual marking by June
14 30, 1997, of all appropriate hatchery origin ((~~chinook and~~)) coho
15 salmon produced by the department with marking to begin with the 1994
16 Puget Sound coho brood; and (2) the annual marking by June 30, 1999, of
17 all appropriate hatchery origin chinook salmon produced by the
18 department with marking to begin with the 1998 chinook brood. The
19 department may experiment with different methods for marking hatchery
20 salmon with the primary objective of maximum survival of hatchery
21 marked fish, maximum contribution to fisheries, and minimum cost
22 consistent with the other goals.

23 The department shall coordinate with other entities that are
24 producing hatchery chinook and coho salmon for release into public
25 waters to enable the broadest application of the marking program to all
26 hatchery produced chinook and coho salmon. The department shall work
27 with the treaty Indian tribes in order to reach mutual agreement on the
28 implementation of the mass marking program. The department shall
29 report to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 1999, on
30 the progress made in reaching mutual agreement with the treaty Indian
31 tribes and any Pacific coast state or province to achieve the goal of
32 coast-wide marking of chinook and coho salmon. The ultimate goal of
33 the program is the coast-wide marking of appropriate hatchery origin
34 chinook and coho salmon, and the protection of all wild chinook and
35 coho salmon, where appropriate.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
37 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 1998, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void.

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