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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following:
- 7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that it is beneficial
- 8 to improve opportunities for trout fishing in order to satisfy the
- 9 public's demand for recreational fishing during a time of declining
- 10 opportunities to catch anadromous salmon and steelhead trout.
- 11 Fish farmers can produce trout in a triploid genetic configuration
- 12 for the purpose of certifying that the fish are sterile and that they
- 13 cannot interbreed with wild trout. These fish are ideally suited to
- 14 planting into public lakes and ponds to provide immediate recreational
- 15 fishing at a reasonable cost. The fish continue to grow throughout
- 16 their life cycle and have the potential to grow to trophy size.
- 17 Planting of these catchable trout can provide increased angler
- 18 participation, increased fishing license sales, increased tourism
- 19 activities, and a boost to local economies.
- The department of fish and wildlife is authorized to purchase these
- 21 privately produced fish to supplement existing department trout
- 22 hatchery production. The planting of these catchable trout in water
- 23 bodies with water quality sufficient to support fish life must not have
- 24 an adverse impact on the wild trout population.
- 25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The fish and wildlife commission in
- 26 consultation with the department is authorized to determine which
- 27 waters of the state are appropriate for this use during the 1999 and
- 28 2000 calendar years. In making this determination, the commission
- 29 shall seek geographic distribution to assure opportunity to fishers
- 30 state-wide.
- 31 The commission in consultation with the department will determine
- 32 the maximum number of fish that may be planted into state waters so as
- 33 not to compete with the wild populations of fish species in the water
- 34 body.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The fish and wildlife commission may authorize purchase of privately produced fish only if the cost of the program will be recovered by the increase in license sales directly attributable to the planting of these privately purchased fish.
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The department of fish and wildlife shall report to the appropriate legislative committees by February 1, 2001, 6 7 regarding the implementation of this act. The report shall include information regarding the location and number of fish planted, the size 8 9 of the fish planted, and information relating to the cost-effectiveness 10 of the catchable trout program, including an estimate of new license 11 sales generated by the programs.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each added to Title 77 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."
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- On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "waters;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to Title 77 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency."

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