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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Swecker, Doumit, Morton, Rasmussen, Hargrove, Horn and Spanel

Brief Description: Regarding fish barriers at fish hatcheries.

SB 5348 - DIGEST

Provides that, by September 15, 2003, the department shall provide for an operating fishway at the fish barrier dam located at the fish hatchery on the Samish river. The fishway may be closed only during the period of time that broodstock are being captured to fulfill the needs of the hatchery. The department shall maintain a public record of the period of time that the fishway is closed to upstream migrating anadromous fish.

Directs the department to conduct an inventory of all barriers that exist at fish hatcheries in the state that block access to natural habitat to the upstream migration of anadromous fish.

Requires the inventory to be submitted to the legislature by December 1, 2003.