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1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for labeling salmon; and amending  
2 RCW 69.04.934.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.04.934 and 2003 c 39 s 29 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) With the exception of a commercial fisher engaged in sales of  
7 fish to a fish buyer, no person may sell at wholesale or retail any  
8 fresh or frozen:

9 ~~((1))~~ (a) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon without  
10 identifying the product as farm-raised salmon; ~~((or~~

11 ~~(2))~~ (b) Commercially caught salmon designated as food fish under  
12 Title 77 RCW without identifying the product as either "commercially"  
13 caught salmon or "wild salmon"; or

14 (c) Salmon without identifying either the country in which the  
15 salmon was produced, if the salmon is a private sector cultured aquatic  
16 salmon, or the country in which the salmon was landed, if it is a  
17 commercially caught salmon. For salmon produced or landed in the  
18 United States, the label must also include the state in which the  
19 salmon was produced or landed.

1        (2) Identification of the products under subsection(~~(s)~~) (1) (~~and~~  
2 ~~(2)~~) (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall be made to the buyer at  
3 the point of sale such that the buyer can make an informed decision in  
4 purchasing.

5        (3) A person knowingly violating this section is guilty of  
6 misbranding under this chapter. A person who receives misleading or  
7 erroneous information about whether the salmon is farm-raised or  
8 commercially caught, and subsequently inaccurately identifies salmon  
9 shall not be guilty of misbranding. This section shall not apply to  
10 salmon that is minced, pulverized, coated with batter, or breaded.

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