
**Rural Development, Agriculture, &
Natural Resources Committee**

HJM 4012

Brief Description: Recognizing the international year of the salmon.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Stokesbary, DeBolt, Irwin, Stonier, Chapman, Kilduff, Wylie, Pellicciotti, Orwall, Sullivan, Pettigrew, Peterson, Paul, Slatter, Blake, Shewmake, Tharinger, Doglio, Goodman, Cody, Ormsby, Pollet, Valdez, Callan, Ramos, Leavitt, Stanford, Sells and Appleton.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Affirms the Legislature's support for recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) and the research efforts that are a part of the IYS initiative.

Hearing Date: 1/15/20

Staff: Rebecca Lewis (786-7339).

Background:

The International Year of the Salmon (IYS) is an initiative of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC), with the stated goal to "create awareness and foster understanding of the issues facing wild salmon and their impact on the communities that benefit from the resource." The focal year of the IYS is 2019, with IYS-related activities continuing into 2022.

Activities associated with the IYS include education, research, and outreach. For research activities in collaboration with the scientific community, the NASCO and the NPAFC have identified broad research themes including understanding the current status of salmon and their environments; natural and man-made factors impacting salmon abundance; new methods and technologies in salmon science; connecting salmon-dependent communities to improve resiliency; and developing information systems to support future research.

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Summary of Bill:

The Legislature affirms its support for recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon, and for continued investment in wild salmon recovery.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.