

House Bill 2579

Sponsored by Representative GILLIAM

SUMMARY

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Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to permit fixed fishing gear or seines for taking of salmon for commercial purposes from Columbia River.

Modifies food fish management policy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to fishing; amending ORS 506.109 and 509.216.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 509.216 is amended to read:

5 509.216. (1) Except as provided in [*subsection*] **subsections (2) and (3)** of this section, it is un-
6 lawful to take food fish by means of fixed fishing gear or seines in any of the waters of this state.

7 (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule may permit fixed fishing gear or seines for
8 the taking of certain species of food fish other than salmon or steelhead from the waters of this
9 state. In [*enacting*] **adopting** any [*such*] rule the commission shall give due consideration to
10 [*insuring*] **ensuring** that the use of [*such*] **the** fishing gear will not restrict the free migration or
11 impair the ultimate supply of salmon or steelhead. Any salmon or steelhead taken as an incidental
12 catch in operation of [*such*] **the** gear shall immediately, with care and the least possible injury to
13 the salmon or steelhead, be released and transferred to the water without violence.

14 **(3) The commission by rule may permit fixed fishing gear or seines for the taking of**
15 **salmon for commercial purposes from the Columbia River. In adopting any rule the com-**
16 **mission shall give due consideration to ensuring that the use of the fishing gear will protect**
17 **natural runs and the genetic diversity of anadromous fish as specified in ORS 508.718.**

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 506.109 is amended to read:

19 506.109. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that food fish shall be managed to provide the
20 optimum economic, commercial, recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future gener-
21 ations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the goals of food fish management
22 are:

23 (1) To maintain all species of food fish at optimum levels in all suitable waters of the state and
24 prevent the extinction of any indigenous species.

25 (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will optimize the
26 production, utilization and public enjoyment of food fish.

27 (3) To permit an optimum and equitable utilization of available food fish.

28 (4) To develop and maintain access to the lands and waters of the state and the food fish re-
29 sources thereon.

30 (5) To regulate food fish populations and the utilization and public enjoyment of food fish in a
31 manner that is compatible with other uses of the lands and waters of the state and provides optimum

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 commercial and public recreational benefits.

2 (6) To preserve the economic contribution of the sports and commercial fishing industries in a
3 manner consistent with sound food fish management practices.

4 (7) To develop and implement a program for optimizing the return of Oregon food fish for
5 Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries.

6 **(8) To manage anadromous fish in order to protect the natural runs and genetic diversity**
7 **of the anadromous fish and reduce the proportion of straying hatchery fish as specified in**
8 **ORS 508.718, through selective harvest methods.**

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