



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters

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To: House Committee on Judiciary
Re: SB 175 Strengthens penalty procedures for various crimes

The Native Fish Society is a regional wild fish advocacy organization with several hundred members throughout the state. Our mission is the protection and restoration of wild native fish and their habitats.

Enforcing wildlife laws is a critical component of native fish protection. SB 175 would simply restore penalty language that was enacted in 2011 but that sunsetted early this year. The bill in 2011 was passed with broad bi-partisan support as well as support from fishing, hunting, conservation and animal welfare organizations.

NFS and its members support the adoption and passage of SB175.

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