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Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt certain requirements related to carcasses of returning hatchery fish.

[Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct analysis of return rates of hatchery fish and report results to Legislative Assembly.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to returning hatchery fish.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of the wildlife laws.

SECTION 2. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules governing the disposition of carcasses of adult hatchery-produced fish returning to hatchery facilities that include but are not limited to requirements that:

(1) At least 50 percent of the carcasses from all adult hatchery-produced fish returning to hatchery facilities must be retained and placed at seasonally appropriate times in natural spawning and rearing areas to enhance nutrient recycling, consistent with pathology constraints; and

(2) When selling eggs and carcasses from hatchery facilities to provide revenues to support hatchery programs and facilities, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall prioritize sales to, in the following order:

(a) Oregon small businesses in communities with high rates of unemployment; and

(b) Other Oregon small businesses.