House Bill 3473
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SUMMARY
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Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish program to purchase trophy trout from private aquaculture facilities.
Sunsets January 2, 2029.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to aquaculture products; and declaring an emergency.
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “trophy trout” means a trout that is at least 14 inches long or that weighs approximately one pound or more.
(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and implement a program to purchase trophy trout from private aquaculture facilities.
(3) In implementing the program, the department shall:
(a) Annually purchase 500,000 pounds of trophy trout produced by private aquaculture facilities.
(b) Enter into purchase contracts with in-state private aquaculture facilities for a duration of at least one year but not more than five years, as decided by the private aquaculture facilities.
(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(b) of this section, the department may purchase trophy trout from out-of-state private aquaculture facilities if in-state private aquaculture facilities are unable to provide sufficient trophy trout and the department provides in-state private aquaculture facilities with reasonable notice of the department’s intent to purchase trophy trout from out-of-state private aquaculture facilities.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.