

Submitter: NW Coast Range

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB65

SB 0065 SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill excerpt; "Annually spend at least 20 percent of department moneys related to trout hatcheries to purchase trout produced by private aquaculture facilities."

What a can of worms, pun intended. Natural Trout Habitats are likely to be infected with disease that wild habitat fish do not normally come into contact with by the introduction of private hatchery fish.

Opening this gate to private fish hatcheries could wipe-out/kill natural habitat fish. Moreover, death is likely of hatchery fish because have been dependent on humans for feed, via fish food pellets.

Does the Legislature recognize that the hatchery fish will breed with the natural wild fish and therefore possibly make the wild fish species disappear?

Don't change, what doesn't need changed. Hatchery fish or fish farms are intended for the sale to wholesaler, next to the grocer/fish market, last to the consumer. Leave nature be. Many countries are raising farmed fish, although strictly in a netted environment where wild and farmed fish do not/cannot co-mingle.