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By Representative Peterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting octopus farming; and amending RCW
2 15.85.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.85.020 and 2003 c 39 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the~~) The
7 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the
8 context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Aquaculture" means the process of growing, farming, or
10 cultivating private sector cultured aquatic products in marine or
11 fresh waters and includes management by an aquatic farmer.

12 (2) "Aquatic farmer" is a private sector person who commercially
13 farms and manages the cultivating of private sector cultured aquatic
14 products on the person's own land or on land in which the person has
15 a present right of possession.

16 (3) (a) "Private sector cultured aquatic products" are native,
17 nonnative, or hybrids of marine or freshwater plants and animals that
18 are propagated, farmed, or cultivated on aquatic farms under the
19 supervision and management of a private sector aquatic farmer or that
20 are naturally set on aquatic farms which at the time of setting are
21 under the active supervision and management of a private sector

1 aquatic farmer. When produced under such supervision and management,
2 private sector cultured aquatic products include, but are not limited
3 to, the following plants and animals:

4	Scientific Name	Common Name
5	Enteromorpha	green nori
6	Monostroma	awo-nori
7	Ulva	sea lettuce
8	Laminaria	konbu
9	Nereocystis	bull kelp
10	Porphyra	nori
11	Iridaea	
12	Haliotis	abalone
13	Zhlamys	pink scallop
14	Hinnites	rock scallop
15	Tatinopecten	Japanese or weathervane
16		scallop
17	Protothaca	native littleneck clam
18	Tapes	manila clam
19	Saxidomus	butter clam
20	Mytilus	mussels
21	Crassostrea	Pacific oysters
22	Ostrea	Olympia and European oysters
23	Pacifasticus	crayfish
24	Macrobrachium	freshwater prawn
25	Salmo and Salvelinus	trout, char, and Atlantic salmon
26	Oncorhynchus	salmon
27	Ictalurus	catfish
28	Cyprinus	carp
29	Acipenseridae	Sturgeon

30 (b) Private sector cultured aquatic products do not include
31 herring spawn on kelp and other products harvested under a herring
32 spawn on kelp permit issued in accordance with RCW 77.70.210.

33 (c) Private sector cultured aquatic products do not include
34 octopus and a person may not participate in octopus aquaculture in
35 Washington.

36 (4) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

1 (5) "Director" means the director of agriculture.

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