
SENATE BILL 6613

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By Senators Rolfes and Lovelett

1 AN ACT Relating to the inspection of marine aquatic farming
2 locations; and amending RCW 77.125.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.125.030 and 2018 c 179 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The director, in cooperation with the marine finfish aquatic
7 farmers, shall develop proposed rules for the implementation,
8 administration, and enforcement of marine finfish aquaculture
9 programs. In developing such proposed rules, the director must use a
10 negotiated rule-making process pursuant to RCW 34.05.310. The
11 proposed rules shall be submitted to the appropriate legislative
12 committees by January 1, 2002, to allow for legislative review of the
13 proposed rules. The proposed rules shall include the following
14 elements:

15 ~~((1))~~ (a) Provisions for the prevention of escapes of cultured
16 marine finfish aquaculture products from enclosures, net pens, or
17 other rearing vessels;

18 ~~((2))~~ (b) Provisions for the development and implementation of
19 management plans to facilitate the most rapid recapture of live
20 marine finfish aquaculture products that have escaped from

1 enclosures, net pens, or other rearing vessels, and to prevent the
2 spread or permanent escape of these products;

3 (~~(3)~~) (c) Provisions for the development of management
4 practices based on the latest available science, to include:

5 (~~(a)~~) (i) Procedures for inspections of marine aquatic farming
6 locations on a regular basis to determine conformity with law and the
7 rules of the department relating to the operation of marine aquatic
8 farming locations. The rules must provide for the recovery of actual
9 costs associated with inspections, monitoring, and compliance testing
10 by the departments of ecology and fish and wildlife; and

11 (~~(b)~~) (ii) Operating procedures at marine aquatic farming
12 locations to prevent the escape of marine finfish, to include the use
13 of net antifoulants;

14 (~~(4)~~) (d) Provisions for the eradication of those cultured
15 marine finfish aquaculture products that have escaped from
16 enclosures, net pens, or other rearing vessels found spawning in
17 state waters;

18 (~~(5)~~) (e) Provisions for the determination of appropriate
19 species, stocks, and races of marine finfish aquaculture products
20 allowed to be cultured at specific locations and sites;

21 (~~(6)~~) (f) Provisions for the development of an Atlantic salmon
22 watch program similar to the one in operation in British Columbia,
23 Canada. The program must provide for the monitoring of escapes of
24 Atlantic salmon from marine aquatic farming locations, monitor the
25 occurrence of naturally produced Atlantic salmon, determine the
26 impact of Atlantic salmon on naturally produced and cultured finfish
27 stocks, provide a focal point for consolidation of scientific
28 information, and provide a forum for interaction and education of the
29 public; and

30 (~~(7)~~) (g) Provisions for the development of an education
31 program to assist marine aquatic farmers so that they operate in an
32 environmentally sound manner.

33 (~~(8)~~) (2) The department must implement this section consistent
34 with RCW 77.125.050.

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