

CHAPTER 79.

[ S. B. 610. ]

PUBLIC LANDS—LEASE FOR SHELLFISH PROPAGATION.

AN ACT relating to food fish and shellfish; and amending section 142, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 9, chapter 73, Laws of 1961 and RCW 79.01.568.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

RCW 79.01.568 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 142, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 9, chapter 73, Laws of 1961 and RCW 79.01.568 are each amended to read as follows:

Public lands—Leasing for artificial oyster beds, cultivating clams or edible shellfish—Authorized.

The beds of all navigable tidal waters in this state lying below extreme low tide not in front of any incorporated city or town, nor within two miles on either side thereof, shall be subject to lease for the purpose of planting and cultivating thereon artificial oyster beds, or for the purpose of cultivating clams and other edible shellfish for periods not to exceed ten years to any one person or corporation.

Where the lands are used for the cultivation of oysters, the parcels leased shall not exceed forty acres.

Where the land is used for the cultivation of clams, the commissioner may, in his discretion, grant leases for larger parcels.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1963.

Passed the House March 12, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1963.