

Physically or mentally handicapped persons, hospital patients, and senior citizens may fish for game fish during open season without individual licenses or the payment of individual license fees if such fishing activity is occasional, is conducted in a group supervised by staff of a (~~department of social and health services~~) state-licensed or state-operated care facility, and the facility holds a group fishing permit issued by the director. The director shall issue such a permit upon application by care facility staff.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 36

[House Bill No. 2294]

SALE OF SALMON TAKEN IN TEST FISHING OPERATIONS

AN ACT Relating to salmon taken in test fishing operations; and amending RCW 75.08.255.

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

Sec. 1. Section 75.12.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1985 and RCW 75.08.255 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The director may take or remove any species of fish or shellfish from the waters or beaches of the state.

(2) The director may sell food fish or shellfish caught or taken during department test fishing operations. (~~Salmon taken in test fishing operations shall only be sold during a season open to commercial fishing in the district in which the test fishing is conducted.~~)

(3) The director shall not sell inedible salmon for human consumption. Salmon and carcasses may be given to state institutions or schools or to economically depressed people, unless the salmon are unfit for human consumption. Salmon not fit for human consumption may be sold by the director for animal food, fish food, or for industrial purposes.

(4) In the sale of surplus salmon from state hatcheries, the division of purchasing shall require that a portion of the surplus salmon be processed and returned to the state by the purchaser. The processed salmon shall be fit for human consumption and in a form suitable for distribution to individuals. The division of purchasing shall establish the required percentage at a level that does not discourage competitive bidding for the surplus salmon.

The measure of the percentage is the combined value of all of the surplus salmon sold. The department of social and health services shall distribute the processed salmon to economically depressed individuals and state institutions pursuant to rules adopted by the department of social and health services.

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CHAPTER 37

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6289]

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS

AN ACT Relating to administrative divisions of the department of agriculture; and amending RCW 43.23.010 and 41.06.084.

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

Sec. 1. Section 43.23.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 3, chapter 248, Laws of 1983 and RCW 43.23.010 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((The department of agriculture shall be organized into administrative divisions that the director deems necessary to promote efficient public management, to improve programs, and to take full advantage of both fiscal and administrative economics. The director shall appoint and deputize not more than six assistant directors as necessary to administer the several divisions within the department:))~~ In order to obtain maximum efficiency and effectiveness within the department of agriculture, the director may create such administrative divisions within the department as he or she deems necessary. The director shall appoint a deputy director as well as such assistant directors as shall be needed to administer the several divisions within the department. The director shall appoint no more than eight assistant directors. The officers appointed under this section are exempt from the provisions of the state civil service law as provided in RCW 41.06.070(7), and shall be paid salaries to be fixed by the governor in accordance with the procedure established by law for the fixing of salaries for officers exempt from the operation of the state civil service law. The director shall also appoint and deputize a state veterinarian who shall be an experienced veterinarian properly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state. ~~((The officers appointed under this section shall be paid salaries in an amount fixed by the governor:))~~

The director of agriculture shall have charge and general supervision of the department and may assign supervisory and administrative duties other