

CHAPTER 153.

[H. B. 117.]

RELATING TO FOOD AND GAME FISH.

AN ACT relating to food and game fish; consenting to the continuance of present established fish cultural stations, laboratories; to the establishment of additional stations and laboratories under agreement with the United States when approved by the Director of Fisheries and the State Game Commission; providing for the installation of fish conservation devices in the Columbia River Basin under agreement with the United States; providing for the acquirement of the use of lands necessary to such improvements or construction; and for the construction and maintenance of fish cultural stations, laboratories or conservation devices by the Department of Fisheries and/or the State Game Commission under agreements with the United States.

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

United States may establish stations when location is approved by Director of Fisheries and Game Commission.

SECTION 1. Consent of the State of Washington is hereby given to the United States for the continuance of present established fish cultural stations and laboratories located in this state; for the establishment of one or more additional fish cultural stations, sub-stations or laboratories to be constructed, maintained and operated by the United States or the State of Washington, under the terms of agreements to be entered into between the United States and the Director of Fisheries and the State Game Commission: *Provided*, That this consent shall be effective as to additional establishments only when the location of such additional establishments has been approved in advance by the Director of Fisheries and the State Game Commission. The Secretary of the Interior, and his duly authorized agents, are hereby accorded the right to conduct scientific investigations, fish hatching and fish cultural stations and all operations connected therewith at any and all times and in any manner that may by the secretary be considered necessary and proper, in accordance with the provisions of certain Acts of Congress en-

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titled "An Act to provide for a five-year construction and maintenance program for the United States Bureau of Fisheries," approved May 21, 1930, and the provision of the Act of May 11, 1938 (Ch. 193, 52 Stat. 354, 16 U. S. C. 755-757), as amended by "An Act to amend the Act of May 11, 1938, for the conservation of the Fishery Resources of the Columbia River, and for other purposes," approved August 8, 1946, or acts amendatory thereof, at presently established stations and laboratories and at additional establishments when approval of the location of any such additional establishment has been given as provided in this section.

Acts of
Congress.

SEC. 2. The Director of Fisheries and the State Game Commission are hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the United States for the construction and installation of fish cultural stations, laboratories and devices in the Columbia River Basin for the improvement of feeding and spawning conditions for fish, for the protection of migratory fish from irrigation projects and for facilitating free migration of fish over obstructions, in accordance with the Act of Congress of May 11, 1938 (Ch. 193, 52 Stat. 354, 16 U. S. C. 755-757), as amended by "An Act to amend the Act of May 11, 1938 for the conservation of the Fishery Resources of the Columbia River, and for other purposes," approved August 8, 1946, or acts amendatory thereof.

Agreements
with United
States.

SEC. 3. The Director of Fisheries and/or the State Game Commission may acquire by gift, purchase, lease, easement or condemnation the necessary title to, interest therein, rights of way over or licenses covering the use of lands where such construction or improvement is to be carried on by the United States.

Acquisition
of lands
necessary.

SEC. 4. The Director of Fisheries and/or the State Game Commission is hereby authorized to receive funds from the Federal Government for

Authority
to receive
funds.

the construction, maintenance and operation of fish cultural stations, sub-stations, laboratory or fish conservation devices or for any other purpose deemed necessary by the Director of Fisheries and/or the State Game Commission for the rehabilitation and conservation of the fisheries resources of the Columbia River Basin.

Maintenance and operation of stations, laboratories and devices.

SEC. 5. After the construction and installation of any such fish cultural station, sub-station, laboratory or fish conservation devices, the Department of Fisheries and/or the State Game Commission may maintain and operate the same in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into with the United States in regard thereto.

Passed the House February 6, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.

CHAPTER 154.

[H. B. 263.]

RELEASE OF STATE CLAIM AGAINST TACOMA.

AN ACT releasing and cancelling a certain claim of the state against the City of Tacoma.

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

Release and cancellation.

SECTION 1. The claim of the state in the amount of one thousand eight hundred seventy-eight and nineteen one-hundredths dollars (\$1,878.19) which has been assessed by the Department of Licenses against the City of Tacoma in connection with the operation of its Belt Line Division, representing penalty and interest assessed under the "use fuel tax" act, being chapter 127, Laws of 1941, for the period January 1, 1943 to September 30, 1945 is hereby released and cancelled, it appearing that the