

If any conflict arises in the interpretation of a section published or de-codified under this subsection, the session law sections shall control.

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CHAPTER 245

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3217]

SALMON—COMMERCIAL NET FISHING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN COLUMBIA RIVER TRIBUTARIES

AN ACT Relating to salmon fishing; and adding a new section to chapter 75.12 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 75.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) It is unlawful to fish for or take salmon commercially with a net within the waters of the tributaries and sloughs described in subsection (2) of this section which flow into or are connected with the Columbia river.

(2) The director shall adopt rules defining geographical boundaries of the following Columbia river tributaries and sloughs:

- (a) Washougal river;
- (b) Camas slough;
- (c) Lewis river;
- (d) Kalama river;
- (e) Cowlitz river;
- (f) Elokomin river;
- (g) Elokomin sloughs;
- (h) Skamokawa sloughs;
- (i) Grays river;
- (j) Deep river;
- (k) Grays bay.

(3) The director may authorize commercial net fishing for salmon in the tributaries and sloughs from September 1 to November 30: **PROVIDED**, That the time, areas and level of effort are regulated in order to maximize the recreational fishing opportunity while minimizing excess returns of fish to hatcheries. The director shall not authorize commercial net fishing if a significant catch of steelhead would occur.

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