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1 AN ACT Relating to operation of state-owned salmon hatcheries by
2 nonprofit corporations, municipal corporations, and treaty Indian
3 tribes; and adding new sections to chapter 75.50 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that significant
6 opportunity exists for nonprofit corporations, municipal corporations,
7 and treaty Indian tribes to operate state-owned salmon hatcheries for
8 the purpose of increasing salmon populations in state waters. Regional
9 fisheries enhancement groups under RCW 75.50.070, cooperative groups
10 under chapter 75.52 RCW, municipal corporations, and Native American
11 Indian tribes are found to be qualified to operate state-owned salmon
12 hatcheries. In cases where the department has closed or will close a
13 salmon hatchery, which includes formal salmon hatcheries, satellite
14 ponds, egg box sites, rearing ponds, spawning channels, egg taking
15 stations, and other salmon culture facilities, the department shall
16 give timely notice to regional fisheries enhancement groups,
17 cooperative groups, municipal corporations, and treaty Indian tribes
18 and shall make the facilities available for nondepartment operations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor may approve contracts for the
2 operations of state-owned salmon hatcheries by regional fisheries
3 enhancement groups, cooperative projects, municipal corporations, and
4 treaty Indian tribes. Ownership of the hatcheries must remain with the
5 state. Formal contracts must have a maximum length of five years and
6 must specify terms of maintenance of the facility and general operation
7 plans for the facility and culture of salmon.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Salmon that return to a state-owned salmon
9 hatchery that is operated by a nonprofit corporation becomes the
10 property of the nonprofit corporation only in the case that the revenue
11 from the sale of the salmon or their parts is entirely utilized for
12 continued operation of the salmon hatchery.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall fully cooperate with a
14 nonprofit corporation that operates a state-owned salmon hatchery.
15 Cooperation includes technical assistance, provision of salmon eggs,
16 fry, fingerlings, and other assistance as needed.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each
18 added to chapter 75.50 RCW.

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