

RCW 9.41.240.

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

Section 1. Section 1, page 67, Laws of 1883 as amended by section 308, chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and RCW 9.41.240 are each amended to read as follows:

No minor under the age of fourteen years shall handle or have in his possession or under his control, except while accompanied by or under the immediate charge of his parent or guardian or other adult approved for the purpose of this section by the parent or guardian, or while under the supervision of a certified safety instructor at an established gun range or firearm training class, any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice or for other purposes. Every person violating any of the foregoing provisions, or aiding or knowingly permitting any such minor to violate the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 35

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 142]

FOOD FISH AND SHELL FISH--
FISH FARMING OR AQUACULTURE

AN ACT Relating to fisheries; amending section 75.16.010, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and RCW 75.16.010; and adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.16 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 75.16.010, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and RCW 75.16.010 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person or government agency whatsoever, save the director and those authorized by him, to take food fish or shellfish for propagation ~~((or))~~, scientific, or other purposes within the waters of this state. The director or those authorized by him may take salmon or other food fish or shellfish for public propagation ~~((or))~~, scientific, or other purposes under such regulations as the director may prescribe to safeguard the interest of the fisheries of this state.

The director, in conjunction with the issuance of a permit and license for fish farming, may authorize taking of food fish or shellfish for propagation, under such regulations as he may prescribe to safeguard the interest of the fisheries of this state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director may authorize by permit the cultivation of food fish and shellfish or other aquatic animals for commercial purposes, also known as fish farming or aquaculture, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. Cultivation shall include all aspects of breeding, obtaining eggs or young of, raising, preparing for consumption or for market, and marketing of the food fish, shellfish or other aquatic animals. Cultivation may be permitted on privately owned uplands, shorelands or tidelands, as well as on publicly owned uplands, tidelands, shorelands, or beds of navigable waters in accordance with procedures established for administration of such areas.

Clam farming, oyster farming, geoduck harvesting, and other activities in the nature of cultivation already authorized or licensed are not affected by this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A license is required for each and every fish farm operated for commercial purposes at one or more locations on uplands, shorelands, tidelands, or beds of navigable waters, or in the waters of the state. The fee for said license is one hundred dollars per annum, and shall be paid for each and every year in which food fish, shellfish or other aquatic animals are being cultivated. A separate license is required for each county of the state in which a fish farm is operated by the same person, corporation, or other entity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department may supply, at a reasonable charge, salmon eggs to a person, corporation or other entity for use in fish farming or aquaculture for a period not to exceed six years from the date of initial delivery.

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CHAPTER 36

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 143]

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION--

MAPS, PLANS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

AN ACT Relating to state highway construction; and amending section