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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2684

Introduced by Assembly Member Stone
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooley and Fong)
(Coauthor: Senator Evans)

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 1120.5 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2684, as amended, Stone. Hatchery practices: ~~salmonids~~. *salmon and steelhead*.

Existing law requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish fish hatcheries for stocking the waters of California with fish and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to maintain and operate such hatcheries. Existing law also authorizes county boards of supervisors to establish and maintain fish hatcheries and authorizes the commission to issue permits to nonprofit organizations to construct and operate anadromous fish hatcheries.

This bill would require the department to implement specified policies and practices for hatchery ~~salmonids~~ *chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead* reared or released in California waters, including a requirement that hatchery ~~salmon~~ *chinook salmon, coho salmon,* and steelhead released in California waters be externally marked on the top fin at a level to be determined by the department and that all hatchery ~~salmonids~~ *chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead* be coded-wire tagged prior to their release.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1120.5 is added to the Fish and Game
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 1120.5. The department shall implement policies and practices
- 4 for hatchery—~~salmonids~~ *chinook salmon, coho salmon, and*
- 5 *steelhead* reared or released in California waters by adopting all
- 6 of the following:
- 7 (a) Hatchery practices that improve the survival and fitness of
- 8 the hatchery population.
- 9 (b) Hatchery practices that reduce the genetic and ecological
- 10 risks posed by hatchery juveniles and adults to wild and native
- 11 populations.
- 12 (c) A requirement that hatchery—~~salmon~~ *chinook salmon, coho*
- 13 *salmon, and steelhead* released in California waters be externally
- 14 marked on the top fin at a level to be determined by the department
- 15 and that all hatchery—~~salmonids~~ *chinook salmon, coho salmon, and*
- 16 *steelhead* be coded-wire tagged prior to their release.

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