

House Bill 3473

Sponsored by Representative EVANS, Senator FINDLEY; Representative NGUYEN D

SUMMARY

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Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish program to purchase trophy trout from private aquaculture facilities.

Sunsets January 2, 2029.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to aquaculture products; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "trophy trout" means a trout that is at least 14**
5 **inches long or that weighs approximately one pound or more.**

6 **(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and implement a program**
7 **to purchase trophy trout from private aquaculture facilities.**

8 **(3) In implementing the program, the department shall:**

9 **(a) Annually purchase 500,000 pounds of trophy trout produced by private aquaculture**
10 **facilities.**

11 **(b) Enter into purchase contracts with in-state private aquaculture facilities for a dura-**
12 **tion of at least one year but not more than five years, as decided by the private aquaculture**
13 **facilities.**

14 **(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(b) of this section, the department may purchase tro-**
15 **phy trout from out-of-state private aquaculture facilities if in-state private aquaculture fa-**
16 **cilities are unable to provide sufficient trophy trout and the department provides in-state**
17 **private aquaculture facilities with reasonable notice of the department's intent to purchase**
18 **trophy trout from out-of-state private aquaculture facilities.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.