

**Subject** Fish and fish egg transfers

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## Summary

This bill updates the Aquaculture sections regarding the transporting, importing from an emergency enzootic disease area, stocking, and transferring fish eggs. These sections are administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the sections of this bill are the recommendations of the DNR.

This bill's updates include: (1) updating fish disease names to more technical names; (2) allowing for the transferring, importing from an emergency enzootic disease area, stocking, or selling of fish or eggs that have been exposed to viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHSV) after disinfection treatment; and (3) allowing the transferring, importing from an emergency enzootic disease area, stocking, or selling of fish or eggs that have been exposed to *Renibacterium salmoninarum* to sources where *Renibacterium salmoninarum* is present.

As amended, this bill would also allow for the transferring, importing from an emergency enzootic disease area, stocking, or selling of fish or eggs that have been exposed to epizootic epitheliotropic disease virus after disinfection treatment.