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## Overview

This bill establishes requirements for transportation and importation permits issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to an aquatic farm producing shrimp or other saltwater aquatic life. These requirements would differ from those that apply under current law to aquatic farms that produce freshwater species.

The bill would also provide that saltwater aquatic farms and processing facilities are agricultural operations for purposes of any permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Aquaculture permits; rules.</b> Requires MPCA to classify saltwater aquatic farms and facilities that process saltwater aquatic life as agricultural operations for purposes of any construction, discharge, or other permit issued by the agency.
2	<b>Saltwater aquaculture.</b> Defines this term for purposes of the transportation and importation permit requirements established in section 5.
3	<b>Saltwater aquatic farm.</b> Defines this term for purposes of the MPCA permit language in section 1 and the transportation and importation permit requirements established in section 5.
4	<b>Saltwater aquatic life.</b> Defines this term for purposes of the MPCA permit language in section 1 and the transportation and importation requirements established in section 5.

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5	<p data-bbox="355 275 1333 302"><b>Transportation of importation of saltwater aquatic life; quarantine requirement.</b></p> <p data-bbox="453 317 1398 420"><b>Subd. 1. Purpose.</b> Establishes a legislative finding that it is in the public interest to increase private saltwater aquaculture under the coordination of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</p> <p data-bbox="453 455 1370 558"><b>Subd. 2. Transportation permit.</b> Provides that mandatory transportation and importation permits for saltwater aquatic life are issued by the DNR and governed by this section. Establishes permit requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="453 594 1326 655"><b>Subd. 3. Exemptions.</b> Establishes exemptions for the permit requirement established in subdivision 2 above.</p>



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