

# Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancement - Oversight Committee

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The Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Oversight Committee (PSRFE-OC), as established in RCW 77.105.160, are in full support of the House capital budget including a package of investments in our fish hatchery infrastructure. The package includes \$7.3 million to improve an existing fish collection facility and begin construction of a new salmon hatchery on the Deschutes River in the Olympia area.

A key component to the goals of the PSRFE program is to increase angler opportunity. The building of a new salmon hatchery will aid in this goal by enhancing fisheries throughout Puget Sound. Additionally, a model hatchery in the Capital City will provide an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness of the importance of salmon to our State's economy

The PSRFE program which is funded by the recreational fishing community assists in maintaining the economic viability of this billion dollar sport fishery in Puget Sound. Infusion of capital budget revenue into projects like the Deschutes Hatchery supports the work the PSRFE-OC is doing to increase fishing opportunity and success of future anglers in the Puget Sound region.

We ask that you help move this capital funding bill forward.

Thank you.



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