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- Text that is surrounded by {{- text here -}} is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- Text that is surrounded by {+ text here +} is text that will be ADDED TO the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- {+ NEW SECTION+} (found at the beginning of a section or paragraph) indicates that ALL of the text in that section will become law if the proposed measure is approved.

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INITIATIVE 666

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 666 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

AN ACT Relating to fishing; adding new sections to chapter 75.12 RCW; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. (1) The use of gill nets is prohibited in any Washington waters.

(2) All out of season fish and juvenile Chinook salmon under twenty-two inches long caught in nets must be released.

(3) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Gill net" means one or more walls of netting that captures finfish by ensnaring or entangling them in the meshes of the net by the gills, all or part of the head, fins, or other body parts.

(b) "Washington waters" means any body of water under the jurisdiction of the state of Washington, whether coastal, intercoastal, or inland, and any part thereof.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act is not intended to affect, alter, or void any tribal treaty agreements established between Washington state, the United States, or any mandated fishing rights set forth by the federal or state courts.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 1997.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added to chapter 75.12 RCW.

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