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House Bill 5556 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Jason Allen
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 487 (Sport Fishing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate up to 212 miles of trout streams in which only lures or baits could be used in fishing.
- Require that designation to include any trout stream in a county containing a city with a population of 750,000 or more.
- Require the DNR to adopt criteria for determining which other trout streams should be so designated.
- Include splake, coho salmon, chinook (king) salmon, and pink salmon in the definition of "game fish".

Currently, the DNR may designate up to 100 miles of trout streams in which only lures or baits as the Department prescribes may be used in fishing. The bill would revise this provision as described above. The Act also allows the Department to prescribe the size and number of fish that may be taken from the designated trout streams. The bill would retain this provision.

In addition, the bill would require the DNR to issue an order adopting criteria for determining which trout streams should be designated (in addition to any in a county with a city having a population of 750,000 or more). Before issuing this order, the DNR would have to submit a proposed order to the Natural Resources Commission, which would have to receive public comment on it. The DNR would have to consider any guidance provided by the Commission on the proposed order.

(The Act defines "trout stream" as any stream or portion of a stream that contains a significant population of any species of trout or salmon as determined by the Department.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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