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1 AN ACT Relating to importation of Macrocyctis seaweed; and amending
2 RCW 79.01.805.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.01.805 and 1994 c 286 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The maximum daily wet weight harvest or possession of seaweed
7 for personal use from all aquatic lands as defined under RCW 79.90.010
8 and all privately owned tidelands is ten pounds per person. The
9 department of natural resources in cooperation with the department of
10 fish and wildlife may establish seaweed harvest limits of less than ten
11 pounds for conservation purposes. This section shall in no way affect
12 the ability of any state agency to prevent harvest of any species of
13 marine aquatic plant from lands under its control, ownership, or
14 management.

15 (2) Except as provided under subsection (3) of this section,
16 commercial harvesting of seaweed from aquatic lands as defined under
17 RCW 79.90.010, and all privately owned tidelands is prohibited. This
18 subsection shall in no way affect commercial seaweed aquaculture.

1 (3) Upon mutual approval by the department and the department of
2 fish and wildlife, seaweed species of the genus *Macrocystis* may be
3 commercially harvested for use in the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery.

4 (~~(4) Seaweed species of the genus *Macrocystis* may not be imported~~
5 ~~after July 1, 1995, for use in the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery.~~)

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