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Bill Analysis

SB 777 authorizes licensed producers to collect both game fish and nongame fish broodstock from public waters for use in propagation of fish only in a recirculating aquaculture system. The limit on taking such fish shall be the normal possession limit for a person holding a recreational fishing license. Such stock may not be sold and cannot be released back into the wild. The measure prohibits the production of fish species considered to be species of special concern, excluding paddlefish. The measure authorizes the sale of meat for human consumption that result from fish spawned in a captive system. The measure directs the Department of Wildlife Conservation to establish a process to facilitate broodstock transactions between the state and licensed in-state aquatic propagators. The measure provides that the state shall assess import fees for any entity selling live fish within this state that does not possess a valid license for commercial production of aquatic species issued by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry along with an Oklahoma address subject to regular inspections. The measure also repeals provisions of law relating to limitations on possession of paddlefish eggs and products.

Repealer: 29 O.S. Section 6-303.1

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