



1 release of fish, water animal or other aquatic organism into the  
2 waters of this state from which they were taken by lawful methods:  
3 *Provided, however,* That nothing in this subsection shall be  
4 construed as restricting the release of native or established  
5 species of fish in privately owned ponds.

6 (b) A stocking permit is not required for the stocking of  
7 trout in waters of the state provided that the trout originate from  
8 a source within the state or meet the disease free certification  
9 requirements for imported salmondiae set forth in section thirteen  
10 of this article.

11 (c) A stocking permit is not required for the stocking of  
12 black bass provided that the Division of Natural Resources is  
13 notified prior to stocking and is provided a disease free  
14 certification.

15 (d) It is unlawful for any person to possess, sell, offer for  
16 sale, import, bring, or cause to be brought or imported into this  
17 state or release into the waters of this state, in a live state,  
18 any bighead carp (Hypophthalmichthys nobilis), silver carp  
19 (Hypophthalmichthys molitrix), black carp (Mylopharyngodon piceus),  
20 largescale silver carp (Hypophthalmichthys harmandi), diploid white  
21 amur (Ctenopharyngodon idella) or snakehead (Channa spp.), gametes  
22 or eggs of the same, or any hybrids of these species. The director  
23 may not issue a stocking permit to any person for the species and

1 their hybrids listed in this subsection, but may issue written  
2 authorization for the importation or possession of these species or  
3 their hybrids into this state if the importation or possession does  
4 not violate any federal law and if the use is limited to scientific  
5 research.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to regulate the importation and possession of certain injurious aquatic species.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.