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## Committee Amendment No. 10 Proposed Ordinance No. 2013-45s Lime

**Date:** October 6, 2014

**To:** **Community Development Committee**  
Rick Talbert, Chair  
Douglas G. Richardson, Vice Chair  
Stan Flemming, Member  
Connie Ladenburg, Member

**From:** Jim McCune, Council District 3

**Hearing Date:** October, 6 2014

**Attachments:** NA

**Subject:** **Proposed amendment to Exhibit G concerning Finfish Aquaculture.**

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The following amendment to Exhibit G to Ordinance No. 2013-45s would provide definitions and regulatory standards for finfish aquaculture and clarify the permitting process when changing from one type of finfish aquaculture species cultivated to another or when expanding finfish aquaculture operations.

1. On page 84 of Exhibit G, starting on line 1, insert the following new definitions to show as follows:

“Finfish” means a vertebrate organism of the classes Osteichthyes, Agnatha, or Chondrichthyes possessing a bony and/or cartilaginous inner skeleton, including all stages of development and the bodily parts of the fish (RCW 77.08.22). Examples include, but are not limited to, salmon, ~~trout~~, ling cod, rock fish, halibut, sole, sablefish, perch, pollock, whiting, tilapia, carp, lamprey, sturgeon, sharks, skates, and rays.

“Finfish aquaculture” means the farming or culture of vertebrate or cartilaginous food fish for market sale when raised in facilities located in ~~freshwater or~~ saltwater water bodies, in either open-flow or contained systems. This includes net pens, sea cages, bag cages and similar floating/hanging containment structures and is intended to reflect the definition of ‘marine finfish rearing facilities’ (RCW 90.48.220), but does not include temporary restoration/enhancement facilities used expressly to improve populations of native stocks and that meet the definition of ‘watershed restoration project’ per RCW 89.08.460.

2. On page 43 of Exhibit G, starting on line 35, insert a new standard as follows and renumber the remaining standards sequentially.

7. Finfish aquaculture that uses or releases herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, non-indigenous species, parasites, viruses, genetically modified organisms, feed, or other materials known to be harmful into surrounding waters shall not be allowed unless significant impacts to surrounding habitat and conflicts with adjacent uses are effectively mitigated.
3. On page 44 of Exhibit G, line 4, insert the following new standard as follows and renumber the remaining standards sequentially.
  12. Introduction of a new finfish species, changing the finfish species cultivated, expansion of the physical area cultivated or relocation of the finfish aquaculture operation is considered a new use/development, and shall require a new permit and compliance with this SMP.
4. On page 45 of Exhibit G, line 23, insert the following new standards as follows:
  3. New finfish aquaculture involving net pens for anadromous species, shall be prohibited throughout Pierce County marine waters located south of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and west from a line drawn between Point Fosdick and the north end of Day Island.
  4. Finfish aquaculture involving net pens for anadromous species are prohibited in all marine waters of Pierce County where there are aquatic reserve areas in place.