

from the federal lists if he determines the same fish are no longer threatened with statewide extinction.

(f) Subject to any federal law or regulation, or any other State law, the Secretary by rule or regulation, may permit the catching, exporting, transporting, or possessing of any fish threatened with statewide extinction, for zoological, educational, or scientific purposes, and for propagating the fish in captivity for preservation purposes.

(g) The Secretary shall conduct research on the endangered species of fish in the State, and shall utilize the land acquisition and other authorities vested in his office to carry out a program in the State for conserving, protecting, restoring, and propagating selected State endangered fish species. In addition to the land acquisition authorities vested in his office, the Secretary may acquire by purchase, donation, or otherwise, land or interest in land needed to carry out the purposes of this section relating to conservation, protection, restoration, and propagation of selected State endangered fish species.

(h) The Governor shall review other programs he administers and, to the extent feasible, utilize the programs to further the purposes of this section. The Governor also shall encourage other State and federal agencies to utilize their authorities to further the purposes of this section.

(i) In carrying out the programs authorized by this section, the Secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible with the federal government, with other states, and with counties within the State, and he may enter into agreements with the counties to administer and manage any area established under this program to conserve the State's endangered fish species.

(j) The Secretary is authorized to issue rules and regulations to implement this section.

(k) The provisions of this section do not apply retroactively nor do they prohibit entry into the State of fish lawfully imported into the United States or caught or removed from another state. However, this section does not permit catching and removing fish on the endangered species list from another state into this State.

(l) (1) Except as provided in subsection (f), any person who violates the provisions of this section, or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to it is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine