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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1010**

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**State of Washington****52nd Legislature****1991 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Representatives Haugen, Wilson, Spanel, Morris, Cole, Zellinsky, Winsley, Orr and Wynne).

Read first time February 4, 1991.

1       AN ACT Relating to natural resource enforcement; creating new  
2 sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**       The legislature finds that protection of  
5 the state's fish and wildlife resources is in transition. As the  
6 state's population increases, preservation of the state's fish and  
7 wildlife resources will require a greater emphasis on enforcement of  
8 laws and regulations designed to preserve the resource and allow  
9 recreational opportunities.

10      The legislature further finds that there is a growing need for  
11 increased investigative capability and technical sophistication in  
12 prosecuting fish and wildlife resource violations. To provide better  
13 coordination of enforcement and use of enforcement personnel, to  
14 eliminate duplication between the department of fisheries and the  
15 department of wildlife, and to provide more enforcement presence in the

1 field, it is the intent of the legislature to provide for better  
2 coordination of the enforcement responsibilities of these two  
3 departments.

4       **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 2.**           The departments of fisheries and  
5 wildlife shall prepare a study and report to the legislature by  
6 November 30, 1991. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

7           (1) Developing ways for the departments of fisheries and wildlife  
8 to achieve better coordination of existing enforcement personnel;

9           (2) Developing ways to better coordinate use of enforcement  
10 vessels, planes, and motor vehicles between existing enforcement staff;

11          (3) Recommending whether the enforcement programs of the  
12 departments of fisheries and wildlife, including enforcement support  
13 for hydraulic projects, should be combined into a single program; and

14          (4) Identifying the costs, if any, of combining the departments of  
15 fisheries and wildlife enforcement programs.

16        **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 3.**           The directors of the departments of  
17 fisheries and wildlife shall appoint an advisory group to help prepare  
18 the report in section 2 of this act. The advisory group shall consist  
19 of:

20           (1) A representative from the enforcement administrative staff of  
21 each of the departments of fisheries and wildlife;

22           (2) A representative from the enforcement bargaining units of each  
23 of the departments of fisheries and wildlife;

24           (3) A representative from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
25 senate and the house of representatives;

26           (4) Two constituents appointed by the director of the department of  
27 fisheries; and

1       (5) Two constituents appointed by the director of the department of  
2 wildlife.

3       This section shall expire December 1, 1991.

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**       This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
7 effect July 1, 1991.