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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting certain leases on aquatic lands while 2 the department of natural resources surveys resources on state-owned 3 lands; adding a new section to chapter 79.105 RCW; and providing an 4 expiration date.

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

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 79.105 RCW 7 under the subchapter heading "general use, sale, and lease provisions" 8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Until the requirements of this section are completed, the 10 department may not, within the Maury Island aquatic reserve created by 11 order of the commissioner on November 8, 2004, enter into or renew any 12 aquatic land leases adjacent to, or in the vicinity of, an active or 13 proposed operation to remove sand, gravel, or other minerals.

14 (2) The department must conduct a full survey of all state-owned 15 lands managed by the agency to determine the extent and value of all 16 available sand and gravel resources. The survey must include 17 approximated amounts of available material, estimated monetary value of 18 the material, the identification of barriers to the material's removal, 1 and information related to the material's location in relation to 2 navigable waters.

3 (3) Prior to the final release of the survey required by this 4 section, a majority of the members of the board must vote to affirm 5 that the survey has been fully completed.

6 (4) The requirements of this section must be completed as readily 7 as funds allow, while still allowing a full and complete survey. To 8 satisfy this section, the department may use any funds appropriated to 9 it for this specific purpose, any available nondesignated funds in 10 control of the department, and any private donations provided to the 11 department for the purposes of this section.

12 (5) This section expires January 1, 2011.

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