

HB 1248-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department to deposit the following into the regional fisheries enhancement group account: (1) All revenue from a surcharge of one hundred dollars, which shall be collected on each commercial salmon fishery license, salmon delivery license, and salmon charter license sold in the state;

(2) All revenue from the department's sale of salmon carcasses and eggs that return to group facilities; and

(3)(a) Two dollars for each recreational fishing license sold to an individual intending to fish for salmon, steelhead, marine fish, or sturgeon. (b) To determine the number of individuals intending to fish for salmon, steelhead, marine fish, or sturgeon, the department shall conduct an annual survey of a portion of the individuals who purchased a recreational fishing license in that year. The survey must be designed to determine the percentage of licensees surveyed who intended to, or actually did, fish for salmon, steelhead, marine fish, or sturgeon.

Requires: (1) The commission to retain a buffer between the allotments from the wildlife account and the anticipated revenues;

(2) All new personnel positions to be approved by the office of financial management; and

(3) The submission and update of a six-year financial plan for the wildlife account.

Repeals RCW 77.32.510.