
SENATE BILL 6070

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By Senator Hatfield

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to disposal of dredged riverbed materials from the
2 Mt. St. Helen's eruption; and amending RCW 79.140.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.140.120 and 2005 c 155 s 111 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds and declares that, due to the
7 extraordinary volume of material washed down onto beds of navigable
8 waters and shorelands in the Toutle river, Coweeman river, and portions
9 of the Cowlitz river, the dredge spoils placed upon adjacent publicly
10 and privately owned property in the areas, if further disposed, will be
11 of nominal value to the state and that it is in the best interests of
12 the state to allow further disposal without charge.

13 (2) All dredge spoil or materials removed from the state-owned beds
14 and shores of the Toutle river, Coweeman river, and that portion of the
15 Cowlitz river from two miles above the confluence of the Toutle river
16 to its mouth deposited on adjacent public and private lands during the
17 years 1980 through December 31, (~~1995~~) 2035, as a result of dredging
18 of these rivers for navigation and flood control purposes may be sold,

1 transferred, or otherwise disposed of by owners of the lands without
2 the necessity of any charge by the department and free and clear of any
3 interest of the department of the state of Washington.

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