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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of additional requirements for
2 certain fishing guide activities; amending RCW 77.65.370 and 77.15.510;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 77.65 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.65 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department must issue a western Washington steelhead guide
8 stamp to any person who satisfies the conditions of this section. The
9 western Washington steelhead guide stamp must be purchased in order to
10 serve as a fishing guide for steelhead in any nonmarine body of water
11 located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

12 (2) A western Washington steelhead guide stamp may only be
13 purchased by a person who:

14 (a) Holds a game fish guide license issued under RCW 77.65.480 or
15 a charter license issued under RCW 77.65.150;

16 (b) Pays a western Washington steelhead guide stamp fee set by the
17 commission under this section; and

18 (c) Satisfies any prerequisites for purchase established by rule by
19 the commission under this section.

1 (3) The commission may adopt rules that:

2 (a) Establish experience and safety standards that are
3 prerequisites for purchasing a western Washington steelhead guide
4 stamp;

5 (b) Establish fees at an amount adequate to reimburse the
6 department's administrative expenses for implementing this section,
7 which may include different fee schedules for Washington residents and
8 nonresidents; and

9 (c) Limits the number of western Washington steelhead guide stamps
10 available for purchase each year if resource conservation goals require
11 a reduction in fishing pressure.

12 (4) A western Washington steelhead guide stamp may only be
13 purchased during the times of the year when steelhead fishing is not
14 allowed under the rules of the commission.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.65.370 and 2009 c 333 s 8 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) A person shall not offer or perform the services of a food fish
18 guide without a food fish guide license in the taking of food fish for
19 personal use in freshwater rivers and streams, except that a charter
20 boat license is required to operate a vessel from which a person may
21 for a fee fish for food fish in state waters listed in RCW
22 77.65.150(4)(b).

23 (2) The holder of a food fish guide license may only offer or
24 perform services related to the taking of steelhead in nonmarine bodies
25 of water located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains if the
26 license holder also purchases a western Washington steelhead guide
27 stamp under section 1 of this act.

28 (3) Only an individual at least sixteen years of age may hold a
29 food fish guide license. No individual may hold more than one food
30 fish guide license.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.15.510 and 2009 c 333 s 10 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) A person is guilty of acting as a game fish guide, food fish
34 guide, or chartering without a license if:

35 (a) The person operates a charter boat and does not hold the
36 charter boat license required for the food fish taken;

1 (b) The person acts as a food fish guide and does not hold a food
2 fish guide license; (~~or~~)

3 (c) The person acts as a game fish guide and does not hold a game
4 fish guide license; or

5 (d) The person offers or performs guide services related to the
6 taking of steelhead in nonmarine bodies of water located west of the
7 crest of the Cascade mountains without first obtaining a western
8 Washington steelhead guide stamp under section 1 of this act.

9 (2) Acting without a game fish guide license, food fish a guide
10 license, or charter license is a gross misdemeanor.

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