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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile fishing licenses; amending RCW
2 75.25.091, 75.25.092, 77.32.101, and 77.32.360; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that youth under
6 eighteen years of age benefit from outdoor activities such as fishing,
7 but that such opportunities may be prohibitively expensive. The
8 legislature declares that providing fishing licenses at reduced fees is
9 a benefit not only for these youth, but to the state of Washington.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 75.25.091 and 1994 c 255 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) A personal use food fish license is required for all persons
13 other than residents under fifteen years of age to fish for, take, or
14 possess food fish for personal use from state waters or offshore
15 waters. A personal use food fish license is not required under this
16 section to fish for, take, or possess carp, smelt, or albacore.

1 (2) The fees for annual personal use food fish licenses include the
2 one dollar regional fisheries enhancement surcharge imposed in RCW
3 75.50.100 and are as follows:

4 (a) For a resident fifteen through seventeen years of age, three
5 dollars;

6 (b) For a resident eighteen years of age or older and under seventy
7 years of age, eight dollars;

8 ~~((b))~~ (c) For a resident seventy years of age or older, three
9 dollars; and

10 ~~((e))~~ (d) For a nonresident, twenty dollars.

11 (3) The fee for a three-consecutive-day personal use food fish
12 license is five dollars, and includes the one-dollar regional fishery
13 enhancement group surcharge imposed in RCW 75.50.100.

14 (4) An annual personal use food fish license is valid for a maximum
15 catch of fifteen salmon, after which another annual personal use food
16 fish license may be purchased.

17 (5) An annual personal use food fish license is valid for an annual
18 maximum catch of fifteen sturgeon. No person may take more than
19 fifteen sturgeon in any calendar year.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 75.25.092 and 1994 c 255 s 4 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license is required for
23 all persons other than residents under fifteen years of age to fish
24 for, take, dig for, or possess seaweed or shellfish except crawfish
25 (*Pacifastacus* sp.) for personal use from state waters or offshore
26 waters including national park beaches.

27 (2) The fees for annual personal use shellfish and seaweed licenses
28 are:

29 (a) For a resident fifteen through seventeen years of age, three
30 dollars;

31 (b) For a resident eighteen years of age or older and under seventy
32 years of age, five dollars;

33 ~~((b))~~ (c) For a resident seventy years of age or older, three
34 dollars; and

35 ~~((e))~~ (d) For a nonresident, twenty dollars.

36 (3) The fee for a three-consecutive-day personal use shellfish and
37 seaweed license is five dollars.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.101 and 1994 c 255 s 11 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) A combination hunting and fishing license allows a resident
4 holder to hunt, and to fish for game fish throughout the state. The
5 fee for this license is twenty-nine dollars.

6 (2) A hunting license allows the holder to hunt throughout the
7 state. The fee for this license is fifteen dollars for residents and
8 one hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents.

9 (3) A fishing license allows the holder to fish for game fish
10 throughout the state. The fee for this license is seventeen dollars
11 for residents (~~((fifteen))~~) eighteen years of age or older and under
12 seventy years of age, three dollars for residents fifteen through
13 seventeen years of age or seventy years of age or older, twenty dollars
14 for nonresidents under (~~((fifteen))~~) eighteen years of age, and forty-
15 eight dollars for nonresidents (~~((fifteen))~~) eighteen years of age or
16 older.

17 (4) A steelhead fishing license allows the holder of a combination
18 hunting and fishing license or a fishing license issued under this
19 section to fish for steelhead throughout the state. The fee for this
20 license is eighteen dollars.

21 (5) A juvenile steelhead license allows residents under (~~((fifteen))~~)
22 eighteen years of age and nonresidents under (~~((fifteen))~~) eighteen years
23 of age who hold a fishing license to fish for steelhead throughout the
24 state. The fee for this license is six dollars and entitles the holder
25 to take up to five steelhead at which time another juvenile steelhead
26 license may be purchased. Any person who purchases a juvenile
27 steelhead license is prohibited from purchasing a steelhead license for
28 the same calendar year.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.360 and 1995 c 116 s 7 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) Each person who returns a steelhead catch record card to an
32 authorized license dealer within thirty days following the period for
33 which it was issued shall be given a credit equal to five dollars
34 towards that day's purchase of any license, permit, transport tag, or
35 stamp required by this chapter. This subsection does not apply to
36 annual steelhead catch record cards for persons under the age of
37 (~~((fifteen))~~) eighteen.

1 (2) Catch record cards necessary for proper management of the
2 state's game fish resources shall be administered under rules adopted
3 by the director and issued at no charge.

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