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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2463**

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**By** House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Hatfield, Honeyford, Hymes, Boldt, Kessler and Benton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon restoration; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) By July 1, 1996, the habitat, fish  
4 management, and ecosystem programs of the department of fish and  
5 wildlife shall develop an action plan for the restoration of watersheds  
6 where the depressed condition of the natural spawning salmon stocks has  
7 required the restriction or closure of highly beneficial and  
8 traditional salmon fisheries.

9 (2) The salmon restoration action plan shall:

10 (a) Identify factors limiting salmon production and develop short  
11 and long-term plans to address them;

12 (b) Use volunteers to the greatest extent possible;

13 (c) Emphasize the restoration of chinook and coho stocks with  
14 consideration given to the requirements of other weak or depressed fish  
15 stocks;

16 (d) Create new fisheries and enhance existing fisheries;

17 (e) Incorporate the use of all viable enhancement tools including  
18 remote site incubators, where appropriate; and

1 (f) Develop cost estimates for identified restoration opportunities  
2 and evaluate the possibility for cost sharing through other federal,  
3 state, and local community partnerships.

4 (3) This section shall apply to watersheds draining into Hood  
5 Canal, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the North Olympic coast.

6 (4) The department shall report to the appropriate standing  
7 committees of the legislature by December 1, 1996, on progress toward  
8 implementation of short-term restoration activities, and projected time  
9 frames for long-term efforts.

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