

2 **2SHB 1716** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.44.050 and 1996 c 222 s 5 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 The warm water game fish account is hereby created in the state  
10 wildlife fund. Moneys in the account are subject to legislative  
11 appropriation and shall be used for the purpose of funding the warm  
12 water game fish enhancement program, including the development of warm  
13 water pond and lake habitat, culture of warm water game fish,  
14 improvement of warm water fish habitat, management of warm water fish  
15 populations, and other practical activities that will improve the  
16 fishing for warm water fish. Funds ~~((from the))~~ for warm water game  
17 fish ~~((surecharge))~~ as provided in RCW 77.32.440 shall not serve as  
18 replacement funding for department-operated warm water fish projects  
19 existing on December 31, 1994~~((Funds from the warm water game fish~~  
20 ~~account shall not be used for the operation or construction of the warm~~  
21 ~~water fish culture project at Ringold unless specifically authorized by~~  
22 ~~legislation.~~

23 ~~Funds from the sale of the warm water game fish surcharges shall be~~  
24 ~~deposited in the warm water game fish account)),~~ except that an amount  
25 not to exceed ninety-one thousand dollars may be used for warm water  
26 fish culture at the Rod Meseberg warm water fish production facility  
27 during the biennium ending June 30, 2001.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.440 and 1998 c 191 s 13 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) The commission shall adopt rules to continue funding current  
31 enhancement programs at levels equal to the participation of licensees  
32 in each of the individual enhancement programs. All enhancement  
33 funding will continue to be deposited directly into the individual  
34 accounts created for each enhancement.

1 (2) In implementing subsection (1) of this section with regard to  
2 warm water game fish, the department shall ~~((initially))~~ deposit in the  
3 warm water game fish account ~~((6.512 percent of the funds received from  
4 the sale of each freshwater license and each freshwater, saltwater, and  
5 shellfish combination license. The percentage initially))~~ the sum of  
6 one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year during  
7 the fiscal years 1999 and 2000, based on two hundred fifty thousand  
8 warm water anglers. Beginning in fiscal year 2001, and each year  
9 thereafter, the deposit to the warm water game fish account established  
10 in this subsection shall be adjusted annually to reflect the actual  
11 numbers of license holders fishing for warm water game fish based on an  
12 annual survey of licensed anglers from the previous year conducted by  
13 the department beginning with the April 1, ~~((2000))~~ 1999, to March 31,  
14 ~~((2001))~~ 2000, license year survey. ~~((The legislature expects that  
15 implementing this subsection will result in annual deposits of at least  
16 one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars into the warm water game  
17 fish account.))~~

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of  
19 section 1 of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number,  
20 is not provided by June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act,  
21 section 1 of this act is null and void.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
25 immediately."

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29 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "culture;" strike the  
30 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 77.44.050 and  
31 77.32.440; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency."

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