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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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that salmon recovery
8 in Washington state will involve everyone and will require funds to
9 accomplish recovery measures. Several species of salmon in Washington
10 are, or are expected to be, listed as threatened or endangered under
11 the federal endangered species act. At present, these species include
12 chinook, chum, bull trout and coho. To bring attention to the
13 importance of the recovery of salmon and their place in Washington's
14 heritage, raise funds for salmon recovery projects, and involve
15 citizens of all ages, the Washington salmon stamp and Washington junior
16 salmon stamp programs are created.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
18 throughout sections 2 through 7 of this act unless the context clearly
19 requires otherwise.

20 (1) "Salmon" means all species of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, dolly
21 varden trout, bull trout, cutthroat trout, and steelhead trout.

22 (2) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

23 (3) "Committee" means the salmon stamp selection committee created
24 in section 5 of this act.

25 (4) "Stamp" means the stamp created under the Washington salmon
26 stamp program and the Washington junior salmon stamp program, created
27 in sections 2 through 7 of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington salmon stamp program is
29 created in the department. The purpose of the program is the creation
30 of a stamp that will portray a salmonid species native to Washington
31 and will be used for stamps, prints, and posters that can be sold in a
32 wide range of prices and editions to appeal to citizens and collectors
33 interested in supporting salmon restoration. The proceeds from the

1 sale of the Washington salmon stamp shall be used for protection,
2 preservation, and restoration of salmonid habitat in Washington.

3 (2) Every year the department will announce competition, open to
4 all Washington artists, for the creation of the year's Washington
5 salmon stamp. The department will market the stamp and prints through
6 a wide distribution method including web sites, license sites, and at
7 public events.

8 (3) The winning artist will receive a monetary award and a certain
9 number of artist proof prints.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The Washington junior salmon stamp
11 program is created in the department. The purpose of the program is
12 the creation of a stamp that will portray a salmonid species native to
13 Washington and will be used for stamps, prints, and posters that can be
14 sold in a wide range of prices and editions to appeal to citizens and
15 collectors interested in supporting salmon restoration.

16 (2) Every year the department will announce a competition for the
17 Washington junior salmon stamp program among Washington K-12 students.
18 The top winner will receive a scholarship award.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The salmon stamp selection committee is
20 created. The committee is comprised of five individuals selected by
21 the governor who will judge and select the winning entrant for the
22 Washington salmon stamp program and Washington junior salmon stamp
23 program. The governor will select names from a collection of names
24 forwarded from the department and from the state arts commission in the
25 following categories: Artist, not competing in the salmon stamp
26 program; art collector; fish biologist; printer; and public school
27 teacher.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** All receipts from the salmon stamp program
29 created under sections 2 through 7 of this act must be deposited into
30 the regional fisheries enhancement salmonid recovery account created
31 under RCW 75.50.125, except that an amount equal to the department's
32 cost of accomplishing the program shall be deposited into the wildlife
33 fund. The department shall report biennially to the legislature on the
34 amount of money the salmon stamp program has generated.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department is granted the authority to
2 establish by rule the method for selecting appropriate designs for the
3 Washington salmon stamp program and Washington junior salmon stamp
4 program. The stamp shall be designed and produced in accordance with
5 department rules.

6 **Sec. 8.** RCW 75.50.125 and 1997 c 389 s 3 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The regional fisheries enhancement salmonid recovery account is
9 created in the state treasury. All receipts from federal sources and
10 moneys from state sources specified by law must be deposited into the
11 account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
12 Expenditures from the account may be used for the ((sole)) purposes of
13 fisheries enhancement and habitat restoration by regional fisheries
14 enhancement groups, and this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 2 through 7 of this act are each
16 added to chapter 77.12 RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 The department, the Washington state patrol, and the department of
20 fish and wildlife shall jointly create, design, and issue a special
21 salmon license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
22 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
23 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
24 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
25 department. The special plates will observe the importance of salmonid
26 to Washington state and help fund the restoration of salmon and
27 steelhead species listed under the federal endangered species act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 The salmon species enrichment license fees account is created in
31 the state treasury. All receipts from salmon species enrichment
32 license fees, less the administration and collection costs incurred by
33 the department under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7) must be deposited into
34 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
35 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the

1 preservation, protection, perpetuation, education, and enhancement of
2 salmon species.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) On an annual basis, the department of fish and wildlife shall
6 solicit, from the public and private sector, proposed salmon
7 preservation, protection, perpetuation, education, and enhancement
8 projects and prioritize projects it recommends for funding from the
9 salmon species enrichment license fees account by giving preference to
10 projects that:

- 11 (a) Provide a greater benefit to salmon recovery;
- 12 (b) Will be implemented in a more critical area;
- 13 (c) Are the most cost-effective;
- 14 (d) Have the greatest matched or in-kind funding; and
- 15 (e) Will be implemented by a sponsor with a successful record of
16 implementation.

17 (2) In selecting such projects, the department shall attempt to
18 assure a geographical balance in assigning priorities to projects.

19 (3) On an annual basis, the department shall report to the
20 legislature on its selection process and the projects recommended for
21 funding. The legislature, in its sole discretion, shall select and
22 make appropriations for salmon preservation, protection, perpetuation,
23 education, and enhancement projects from the salmon species enrichment
24 license fees account.

25 (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this
26 section.

27 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
30 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
31 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in
32 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
33 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December
34 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective
35 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the
36 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee
37 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the

1 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional
2 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be
3 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

4 ~~(2) ((Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~
5 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~
6 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~
7 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~
8 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~
9 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~
10 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~
11 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~
12 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~
13 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~
14 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

15 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
16 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
17 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
18 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
19 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
20 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
21 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
22 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
23 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
24 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
25 RCW 28B.10.890.

26 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
27 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
28 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
29 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
30 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
31 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
32 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
33 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
34 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
35 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

36 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
37 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
38 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
39 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed

1 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
2 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
3 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
4 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
5 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
6 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
7 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
8 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
9 to the state general fund.

10 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
11 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
12 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
13 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
14 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
15 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
16 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
17 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
18 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
19 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
20 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
21 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
22 to the state general fund.

23 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
24 January 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
25 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
26 salmon license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The
27 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each
28 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
29 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining
30 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
31 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
32 funds to the salmon species enrichment license fees account.

33 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
34 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
35 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a salmon license
36 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct
37 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
38 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
39 The department shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the

1 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
2 treasurer shall credit the funds to the salmon species enrichment
3 license fees account.

4 **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.16.233 and 1997 c 291 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Except for those license plates issued under RCW 46.16.305(1)
7 before January 1, 1987, under RCW 46.16.305(3), under section 10 of
8 this act, and to commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
9 twenty-six thousand pounds, effective with vehicle registrations due or
10 to become due on January 1, 2001, all vehicle license plates must be
11 issued on a standard background, as designated by the department.
12 Additionally, to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity, the
13 department shall periodically provide for the replacement of license
14 plates. Frequency of replacement shall be established in accordance
15 with empirical studies documenting the longevity of the reflective
16 materials used to make license plates.

17 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
20 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
21 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
22 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
23 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
24 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
25 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
26 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
27 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
28 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
29 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal
30 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,
31 prisoner of war plates, salmon plates, or other special license plates
32 issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before amendment by section 5,
33 chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license plates therefor shall be
34 retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of
35 the vehicle so sold or transferred."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "stamps" strike the remainder
5 of the title amendment and insert "and salmon species enrichment
6 license plates; amending RCW 75.50.125, 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and
7 46.16.290; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding new
8 sections to chapter 77.12 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 75.46
9 RCW; and creating a new section."

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