

2 SHB 2383 - 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 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The aquatic nuisance species committee is created for the
10 purpose of fostering state, federal, tribal, and private cooperation on
11 aquatic nuisance species issues. The mission of the committee is to
12 minimize the unauthorized or accidental introduction of nonnative
13 aquatic species and give special emphasis to preventing the
14 introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species. The term "aquatic
15 nuisance species" means a nonnative aquatic plant or animal species
16 that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the
17 ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural,
18 or recreational activities dependent on such waters.

19 (2) The committee consists of representatives from each of the
20 following state agencies: Department of fish and wildlife, department
21 of ecology, department of agriculture, department of health, department
22 of natural resources, Puget Sound water quality action team, state
23 patrol, state noxious weed control board, and Washington sea grant
24 program. The committee shall encourage and solicit participation by:
25 Federally recognized tribes of Washington, federal agencies, Washington
26 conservation organizations, environmental groups, and representatives
27 from industries that may either be affected by the introduction of an
28 aquatic nuisance species or that may serve as a pathway for their
29 introduction.

30 (3) The committee has the following duties:

31 (a) Periodically revise the state of Washington aquatic nuisance
32 species management plan, originally published in June 1998;

33 (b) Make recommendations to the legislature concerning how animals
34 can be classified as aquatic nuisance species;

1 (c) Recommend to the state noxious weed control board that a plant
2 be classified under the process designated by RCW 17.10.080 as an
3 aquatic noxious weed;

4 (d) Coordinate education, research, regulatory authorities,
5 monitoring and control programs, and participate in regional and
6 national efforts regarding aquatic nuisance species;

7 (e) Consult with representatives from industries and other
8 activities that may serve as a pathway for the introduction of aquatic
9 nuisance species to develop practical strategies that will minimize the
10 risk of new introductions; and

11 (f) Prepare a biennial report to the legislature with the first
12 report due by December 1, 2001, making recommendations for better
13 accomplishing the purposes of this chapter, and listing the
14 accomplishments of this chapter to date.

15 (4) The committee shall accomplish its duties through the authority
16 and cooperation of its member agencies. Implementation of all plans
17 and programs developed by the committee shall be through the member
18 agencies and other cooperating organizations."

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22 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "species;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
24 75.24 RCW."

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