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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon stamps; adding new sections to chapter  
2 77.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

17 (1) "Salmon" means all species of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, except  
18 those classified as game fish in this title, and includes:

1	Scientific Name	Common Name
2	Oncorhynchus tshawytscha	Chinook salmon
3	Oncorhynchus kisutch	Coho salmon
4	Oncorhynchus keta	Chum salmon
5	Oncorhynchus gorbuscha	Pink salmon
6	Oncorhynchus nerka	Sockeye salmon

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

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

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

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington salmon stamp program is  
14 created in the department. The purpose of the program is the creation  
15 of a stamp that will portray a salmonid species native to Washington  
16 and will be used for stamps, prints, and posters that can be sold in a  
17 wide range of prices and editions to appeal to citizens and collectors  
18 interested in supporting salmon restoration. The proceeds from the  
19 sale of the Washington salmon stamp shall be used for protection,  
20 preservation, and restoration of salmonid habitat in Washington.

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

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

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The salmon stamp selection committee is  
2 created.    The committee is comprised of five individuals selected by  
3 the governor who will judge and select the winning entrant for the  
4 Washington salmon stamp program and Washington junior salmon stamp  
5 program.    The governor will select names from a collection of names  
6 forwarded from the department and from the state arts commission in the  
7 following categories:    Artist, not competing in the salmon stamp  
8 program; art collector; fish biologist; printer; and public school  
9 teacher.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    The salmon stamp program account is created  
11 in the state treasury.    All receipts from the salmon stamp program  
12 created under sections 2 through 7 of this act must be deposited into  
13 the account.    Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
14 appropriation.    Expenditures from the account may be used only for the  
15 protection, preservation, and restoration of salmon habitat in the  
16 state.    The department shall report biennially to the legislature on  
17 the amount of money the salmon stamp program has generated and the  
18 salmon recovery projects funded.

19       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    The department is granted the authority to  
20 establish by rule the method for selecting appropriate designs for the  
21 Washington salmon stamp program and Washington junior salmon stamp  
22 program.    The stamp shall be designed and produced in accordance with  
23 department rules.

24       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 2 through 7 of this act are each  
25 added to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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