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5 On page 2, after line 33, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 3. RCW 77.100.050 and 1987 c 505 s 73 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The department shall:

9 (a) Encourage and support the establishment of cooperative
10 agreements for the development and operation of cooperative food fish,
11 shellfish, game fish, game bird, game animal, and nongame wildlife
12 projects, and projects which provide an opportunity for volunteer
13 groups to become involved in resource and habitat-oriented activities.
14 All cooperative projects shall be fairly considered in the approval of
15 cooperative agreements;

16 (b) Identify regions and species or activities that would be
17 particularly suitable for cooperative projects providing benefits
18 compatible with department goals;

19 (c) Determine the availability of rearing space at operating
20 facilities or of net pens, egg boxes, portable rearing containers,
21 incubators, and any other rearing facilities for use in cooperative
22 projects, and allocate them to volunteer groups as fairly as possible;

23 (d) Make viable eggs available for replenishing fish runs, and
24 salmon carcasses for nutrient enhancement of streams. If a regional
25 fisheries enhancement group, lead entity, volunteer cooperative group,
26 federally approved tribe in Washington, or a governmental hatchery in
27 Washington, Oregon, or Idaho requests the department for viable eggs,
28 the department must include the request within the brood stock document
29 prepared for use by the regional offices. The eggs shall be
30 distributed in accordance with the priority established in RCW
31 77.95.210 if they are available. A request for viable eggs may only be
32 denied if the eggs would not be useful for propagation or salmon
33 recovery purposes, as determined under RCW 77.95.210.

34 (e) Exempt volunteer groups from payment of fees to the department
35 for activities related to the project;

36 ((+e)) (f) Publicize the cooperative program;

1 (~~(f)~~) (g) Not substitute a new cooperative project for any part
2 of the department's program unless mutually agreeable to the department
3 and volunteer group;

4 (~~(g)~~) (h) Not approve agreements that are incompatible with
5 legally existing land, water, or property rights.

6 (2) The department may, when requested, provide to volunteer groups
7 its available professional expertise and assist the volunteer group to
8 evaluate its project. The department must conduct annual workshops in
9 each administrative region of the department that has fish stocks
10 listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species
11 act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq., in order to assist volunteer groups
12 with egg rearing, share information on successful salmon recovery
13 projects accomplished by volunteers within the state, and provide basic
14 training on monitoring efforts that can be accomplished by volunteers
15 in order to help determine if their efforts are successful."

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any internal
17 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the department of fish and wildlife to include requests for viable eggs within the brood stock documents used by the regional offices so that the eggs will be made available to interested groups. Directs the department to conduct workshops in regions with listings under the federal Endangered Species Act to assist groups with egg rearing projects.

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