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1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining the salmon recovery planning
2 process; amending RCW 77.85.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.85.050 and 1999 sp.s. c 13 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Counties, cities, and tribal governments must jointly
7 designate, by resolution or by letters of support, the area for
8 which a habitat project list is to be developed and the lead
9 entity that is to be responsible for submitting the habitat
10 project list. No project included on a habitat project list shall
11 be considered mandatory in nature and no private landowner may be
12 forced or coerced into participation in any respect. The lead
13 entity may be a county, city, conservation district, special
14 district, tribal government, or other entity.

15 (b) In lieu of the requirements of (a) of this subsection, a
16 lead agency under chapter 90.82 RCW may serve as the lead entity
17 under the provisions of this chapter and be responsible for
18 submitting the habitat project list for the geographical planning

1 area within the jurisdiction of the planning unit if (i) a habitat
2 component is selected under RCW 90.82.100; (ii) a watershed
3 assessment has been completed under RCW 90.82.040(2)(b); and (iii)
4 a ranked list of projects and activities has been prepared that
5 warrant immediate financial assistance consistent with RCW
6 90.82.110.

7 (c) The lead entity shall establish a committee that consists
8 of representative interests of counties, cities, conservation
9 districts, tribes, environmental groups, business interests,
10 landowners, citizens, volunteer groups, regional fish enhancement
11 groups, and other habitat interests. The purpose of the committee
12 is to provide a citizen-based evaluation of the projects proposed
13 to promote salmon habitat. The technical review team may provide
14 the lead entity with organizational models that may be used in
15 establishing the committees.

16 ((+e)) (d) The committee shall compile a list of habitat
17 projects, establish priorities for individual projects, define the
18 sequence for project implementation, and submit these activities
19 as the habitat project list. The committee shall also identify
20 potential federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

21 (2) The area covered by the habitat project list must be based,
22 at a minimum, on a WRIA, combination of WRIAs, or any other area
23 as agreed to by the counties, cities, and tribes in resolutions or
24 in letters of support meeting the requirements of this
25 subsection. Preference will be given to projects in an area that
26 contain a salmon species that is listed or proposed for listing
27 under the federal endangered species act.

28 (3) The lead entity shall submit the habitat project list to
29 the technical review team in accordance with procedures adopted by
30 the board.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
33 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
34 takes effect immediately.

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