

HB 3102-S - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/06)

Provides guidelines for the issuance and renewal of a geoduck diver license and requiring harvesters to help reseed state commercial beds.

Provides that, after July 1, 2006, the director may not issue new geoduck diver licenses. A person may renew an existing license only if the person held a geoduck diver license in 2004 and held a geoduck diver license for a minimum of five of the ten years from 1994 through 2003.

Provides that geoduck diver licenses are not transferable. The license holder must perform the actual harvesting.

Requires the director to revoke geoduck diver licenses that are not renewed by December 31st of each year.

Provides that a license may be reissued by the director if another license is surrendered for any reason at any time.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of natural resources to jointly evaluate the effects of the limited license provisions in RCW 77.65.410.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of natural resources to report their findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 15, 2007.