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1 AN ACT Relating to tribal-state relations regarding fish and
2 wildlife; amending RCW 77.04.055; and adding a new section to chapter
3 77.04 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.055 and 2000 c 107 s 204 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In establishing policies to preserve, protect, and perpetuate
8 wildlife, fish, and wildlife and fish habitat, the commission shall
9 meet annually with the governor to:

10 (a) Review and prescribe basic goals and objectives related to
11 those policies; (~~and~~)

12 (b) Review the performance of the department in implementing fish
13 and wildlife policies; and

14 (c) Report on all policy goals, objectives, and performance in
15 relation to tribal treaties and other federally recognized tribal
16 rights.

17 (2) The commission shall maximize fishing, hunting, and outdoor
18 recreational opportunities compatible with healthy and diverse fish
19 and wildlife populations.

1 (~~(2)~~) (3) The commission shall establish hunting, trapping, and
2 fishing seasons and prescribe the time, place, manner, and methods
3 that may be used to harvest or enjoy game fish and wildlife.

4 (~~(3)~~) (4) The commission shall establish provisions regulating
5 food fish and shellfish as provided in RCW 77.12.047.

6 (~~(4)~~) (5) The commission shall have final approval authority
7 for (~~tribal~~) interstate, international, and any other department
8 agreements relating to fish and wildlife.

9 (~~(5)~~) (6) The commission shall adopt rules to implement the
10 state's fish and wildlife laws.

11 (~~(6)~~) (7) The commission shall have final approval authority
12 for the department's budget proposals.

13 (~~(7)~~) (8) The commission shall select its own staff and shall
14 appoint the director of the department. The director and commission
15 staff shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.04
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) The governor has final approval authority for any agreement
19 between the department and a federally recognized tribe related to
20 fish and wildlife. However, the governor may not require the
21 commission or the department to alter the terms of an agreement
22 between the department and a federally recognized tribe, in effect as
23 of July 1, 2015.

24 (2) Until January 1, 2018, the governor may direct the commission
25 to amend or reject any policies related to tribal treaties and other
26 federally recognized tribal rights that do not comport with the
27 government-to-government relationship between the state and federally
28 recognized tribes within the state.

29 (3) Beginning January 1, 2018, the governor must approve any
30 policy or rule directly addressing or affecting a tribal treaty or
31 other federally recognized tribal right related to fish and wildlife.

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