
SENATE BILL 5818

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By Senator Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the fish and wildlife
2 commission; and amending RCW 77.04.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.040 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 3 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Persons eligible for appointment as members of the commission
7 shall have general knowledge of the habits and distribution of fish
8 and wildlife and shall not hold another state, county, or municipal
9 elective or appointive office.

10 (2) In making these appointments, the governor shall ~~((seek to))~~:

11 (a) Maintain a balance reflecting all aspects of fish and
12 wildlife, including representation recommended by organized groups
13 representing ~~((sportfishers))~~ recreational fishers, commercial
14 fishers, hunters, private landowners, and environmentalists; and

15 (b) In carrying out subsection (1) of this section, ensure an
16 equitable balance amongst the commissioners between those with
17 specific background, experience, and knowledge relevant to
18 recreational fishing and those with specific background, experience,
19 and knowledge relevant to commercial fishing.

1 (3) Persons eligible for appointment as fish and wildlife
2 commissioners shall comply with the provisions of chapters 42.52 and
3 (~~42.17~~) 42.56 RCW.

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