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By Senators Parlette, Takko, Pearson, Rolfes, Hargrove, Schoesler, Becker, Warnick, and Hewitt

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Columbia river recreational salmon and
2 steelhead endorsement program; amending RCW 77.12.712, 77.12.714,
3 77.12.716, 77.12.718, and 77.32.580; amending 2009 c 420 s 7 and 2011
4 c 339 s 40 (uncodified); creating a new section; and providing
5 expiration dates.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.712 and 2009 c 420 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The department shall create and administer a Columbia river
10 recreational salmon and steelhead ((~~pilot—stamp~~)) endorsement
11 program. The program must facilitate continued and, to the maximum
12 extent possible, improved recreational salmon and steelhead selective
13 fishing opportunities on the Columbia river and its tributaries by
14 supplementing the resources available to the department to carry out
15 the scientific monitoring and evaluation, data collection,
16 permitting, reporting, enforcement, and other activities necessary to
17 provide such opportunities.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.714 and 2009 c 420 s 4 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 The Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead ((~~pilot~~
2 ~~stamp~~)) endorsement program account is created in the custody of the
3 state treasurer. All receipts from Columbia river salmon and
4 steelhead ((~~stamp~~ or)) endorsement purchases under RCW 77.32.580 and
5 gifts made for purposes of the Columbia river recreational salmon and
6 steelhead ((~~pilot~~ ~~stamp~~)) endorsement program must be deposited into
7 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
8 purposes of the program created in RCW 77.12.712. Only the director
9 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the
10 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter
11 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.12.716 and 2009 c 420 s 5 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall administer the Columbia river
15 recreational salmon and steelhead ((~~pilot~~ ~~stamp~~)) endorsement program
16 in consultation with a Columbia river salmon and steelhead
17 recreational anglers board. The board shall serve in an advisory
18 capacity to the department.

19 (2) The department shall solicit recommendations for membership
20 on the Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board
21 from recognized recreational fishing organizations of the Columbia
22 river, and the director or director's designee shall give deference
23 to such recommendations when selecting board members. In making these
24 selections, the director or director's designee shall seek to provide
25 equitable representation from the various geographic areas of the
26 Columbia river. The board must consist of no fewer than six and no
27 more than ten members at any one time.

28 (3) The Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
29 board shall make annual recommendations to the department regarding
30 program expenditures. To the maximum extent possible, the board and
31 department shall seek to reach consensus regarding program activities
32 and expenditures. The director or the director's designee shall
33 provide the board with a written explanation when the department
34 expends funds from the Columbia river recreational salmon and
35 steelhead ((~~pilot~~ ~~stamp~~)) endorsement program account created in RCW
36 77.12.714 in a manner that differs substantially from board
37 recommendations.

1 (4) Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
2 board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance
3 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.12.718 and 2009 c 420 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall maintain updated information about
7 Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program
8 revenue and expenditures on its internet site. The information may
9 include project summaries, analysis and figures similar to the 2014
10 report to the legislature on the program, and other information
11 deemed appropriate by the department and the Columbia river salmon
12 and steelhead recreational anglers board.

13 (2) By December 1, ((2014)) 2020, the department and the Columbia
14 river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board shall review
15 the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead ((~~pilot-stamp~~)
16 endorsement program, prepare a brief summary of the activities
17 conducted under the program, and provide this summary and a
18 recommendation whether the program should be continued to the
19 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.580 and 2011 c 339 s 14 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) In addition to a recreational license required under this
23 chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead ((~~stamp-or~~)
24 endorsement is required in order for any person fifteen years of age
25 or older to fish recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the
26 Columbia river and its tributaries where these fisheries have been
27 authorized by the department. The cost for each ((~~stamp-or~~)
28 endorsement is seven dollars and fifty cents for residents and
29 nonresidents and six dollars for youth and seniors. The department
30 shall deposit all receipts from ((~~stamp-or~~)
31 into the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead ((~~pilot-~~
32 ~~stamp~~) endorsement program account created in RCW 77.12.714.

33 (2) For the purposes of this section and RCW 77.12.712 and
34 77.12.714 through 77.12.718, the term "Columbia river" means the
35 Columbia river from a line across the Columbia river between Rocky
36 Point in Washington and Tongue Point in Oregon to the Chief Joseph
37 dam.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department of fish and wildlife and
2 the Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board
3 must develop a process for individuals and organizations to submit
4 project proposals to the board for review and consideration. The
5 process must be developed by December 1, 2016.

6 **Sec. 7.** 2009 c 420 s 7 (uncodified) is amended to read as
7 follows:
8 Sections 2 through 6 of this act expire June 30, (~~2016~~) 2022.

9 **Sec. 8.** 2011 c 339 s 40 (uncodified) is amended to read as
10 follows:
11 Section 14 of this act expires June 30, (~~2016~~) 2022.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act expire
13 June 30, 2022.

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