



A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, there was submitted to the electorate of the state of Washington for approval or rejection at the General Election held on the 3rd day of November 2015, an Initiative to the People identified as Initiative Measure No. 1401 and entitled:

“Initiative Measure No. 1401 concerns trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction. This measure would make selling, purchasing, trading, or distributing certain animal species threatened with extinction, and products containing such species, a gross misdemeanor or class-C felony, with exemptions for certain types of transfers.”

WHEREAS, Kim Wyman, as Secretary of State, has on the 2nd day of December 2015, canvassed the votes cast on this measure at the General Election and certified that 1,043,773 votes were cast in favor of Initiative Measure No. 1401 and 441,170 votes were cast against Initiative Measure No. 1401; and

WHEREAS, as appears from this certification, a majority of the votes cast on this proposition at the General Election were in favor of its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim that the voters of the state of Washington approved the proposed law as set forth in Initiative Measure No. 1401.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state of Washington to be affixed this 2nd day of December 2015

JAY INSLEE
Governor

ATTEST:

KIM WYMAN
Secretary of State
(Mark Neary, Assistant Secretary of State)

INITIATIVE 1401

To the People

Chapter 2, Laws of 2016

Trafficking of Animal Species Threatened with Extinction

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 2, 2015

Approved by the
People of the State of Washington
in the General Election on
December 2, 2015

ORIGINALLY FILED

April 3, 2015

Secretary of State

1 AN ACT Relating to the trafficking of animal species threatened
2 with extinction; amending RCW 77.15.085, 77.15.100, and 77.15.425;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 77.08.010; adding a new section to
4 chapter 77.15 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** There is broad consensus that the
7 trafficking of animals threatened with extinction continues to grow
8 at an alarming pace, threatening an increasing variety of animal
9 species including elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, lions, leopards,
10 cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays, among others.
11 These species are threatened with extinction in large part due to the
12 trafficking of their parts and products. The national strategy for
13 combating wildlife trafficking, released in February 2014, recognized
14 the important role that states have in protecting species that are
15 subject to illegal wildlife trade. Federal law regulates the transfer
16 or importation of parts or products made from endangered animal
17 species, but due to the increasing demand for these products around
18 the world, state authority needs to be expanded to appropriately
19 regulate these markets on a local level.

20 The most effective way to discourage illegal trafficking in
21 animal species threatened with extinction is to eliminate markets and

1 profits. The people find that it is in the public interest to protect
2 animal species threatened with extinction by prohibiting within the
3 state of Washington, with certain limited exceptions, the sale, offer
4 for sale, purchase, trade, barter for, and distribution of any part
5 or product of any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion,
6 leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray identified
7 as threatened with extinction by specified international conservation
8 organizations. These animals represent some of the most trafficked
9 species threatened with extinction according to illegal wildlife
10 product seizure data gathered by the world wildlife fund-TRAFFIC,
11 international union for conservation of nature, and other
12 international conservation organizations.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.08.010 and 2014 c 202 s 301 and 2014 c 48 s 1 are
14 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 The definitions in this section apply throughout this title or
16 rules adopted under this title unless the context clearly requires
17 otherwise.

18 (1) "Anadromous game fish buyer" means a person who purchases or
19 sells steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish harvested by
20 Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights reserved by federal
21 statute, treaty, or executive order, under conditions prescribed by
22 rule of the director.

23 (2) "Angling gear" means a line attached to a rod and reel
24 capable of being held in hand while landing the fish or a hand-held
25 line operated without rod or reel.

26 (3) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of game animals, game
27 birds, or game fish which may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed
28 by a person, as specified by rule of the commission for a particular
29 period of time, or as to size, sex, or species.

30 (4) "Building" means a private domicile, garage, barn, or public
31 or commercial building.

32 (5) "Closed area" means a place where the hunting of some or all
33 species of wild animals or wild birds is prohibited.

34 (6) "Closed season" means all times, manners of taking, and
35 places or waters other than those established by rule of the
36 commission as an open season. "Closed season" also means all hunting,
37 fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game
38 fish, food fish, or shellfish that do not conform to the special
39 restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the

1 commission as an open season or that have not otherwise been deemed
2 legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest, or possess by rule of the
3 commission as an open season.

4 (7) "Closed waters" means all or part of a lake, river, stream,
5 or other body of water, where fishing or harvesting is prohibited.

6 (8) "Commercial" means related to or connected with buying,
7 selling, or bartering.

8 (9) "Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.

9 (10) "Concurrent waters of the Columbia river" means those waters
10 of the Columbia river that coincide with the Washington-Oregon state
11 boundary.

12 (11) "Contraband" means any property that is unlawful to produce
13 or possess.

14 (12) "Deleterious exotic wildlife" means species of the animal
15 kingdom not native to Washington and designated as dangerous to the
16 environment or wildlife of the state.

17 (13) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

18 (14) "Director" means the director of fish and wildlife.

19 (15) "Endangered species" means wildlife designated by the
20 commission as seriously threatened with extinction.

21 (16) "Ex officio fish and wildlife officer" means:

22 (a) A commissioned officer of a municipal, county, or state
23 agency having as its primary function the enforcement of criminal
24 laws in general, while the officer is acting in the respective
25 jurisdiction of that agency;

26 (b) An officer or special agent commissioned by one of the
27 following: The national marine fisheries service; the Washington
28 state parks and recreation commission; the United States fish and
29 wildlife service; the Washington state department of natural
30 resources; the United States forest service; or the United States
31 parks service, if the agent or officer is in the respective
32 jurisdiction of the primary commissioning agency and is acting under
33 a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department
34 and the primary commissioning agency;

35 (c) A commissioned fish and wildlife peace officer from another
36 state who meets the training standards set by the Washington state
37 criminal justice training commission pursuant to RCW 10.93.090,
38 43.101.080, and 43.101.200, and who is acting under a mutual law
39 enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the
40 primary commissioning agency; or

1 (d) A Washington state tribal police officer who successfully
2 completes the requirements set forth under RCW 43.101.157, is
3 employed by a tribal nation that has complied with RCW 10.92.020(2)
4 (a) and (b), and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance
5 agreement between the department and the tribal government.

6 (17) "Fish" includes all species classified as game fish or food
7 fish by statute or rule, as well as all fin fish not currently
8 classified as food fish or game fish if such species exist in state
9 waters. The term "fish" includes all stages of development and the
10 bodily parts of fish species.

11 (18) "Fish and wildlife officer" means a person appointed and
12 commissioned by the director, with authority to enforce this title
13 and rules adopted pursuant to this title, and other statutes as
14 prescribed by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officer includes a
15 person commissioned before June 11, 1998, as a wildlife agent or a
16 fisheries patrol officer.

17 (19) "Fish broker" means a person whose business it is to bring a
18 seller of fish and shellfish and a purchaser of those fish and
19 shellfish together.

20 (20) "Fish buyer" means:

21 (a) A wholesale fish dealer or a retail seller who directly
22 receives fish or shellfish from a commercial fisher or receives fish
23 or shellfish in interstate or foreign commerce; or

24 (b) A person engaged by a wholesale fish dealer who receives fish
25 or shellfish from a commercial fisher.

26 (21) "Fishery" means the taking of one or more particular species
27 of fish or shellfish with particular gear in a particular
28 geographical area.

29 (22) "Food, food waste, or other substance" includes human and
30 pet food or other waste or garbage that could attract large wild
31 carnivores.

32 (23) "Freshwater" means all waters not defined as saltwater
33 including, but not limited to, rivers upstream of the river mouth,
34 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

35 (24) "Fur-bearing animals" means game animals that shall not be
36 trapped except as authorized by the commission.

37 (25) "Fur dealer" means a person who purchases, receives, or
38 resells raw furs for commercial purposes.

39 (26) "Game animals" means wild animals that shall not be hunted
40 except as authorized by the commission.

1 (27) "Game birds" means wild birds that shall not be hunted
2 except as authorized by the commission.

3 (28) "Game farm" means property on which wildlife is held,
4 confined, propagated, hatched, fed, or otherwise raised for
5 commercial purposes, trade, or gift. The term "game farm" does not
6 include publicly owned facilities.

7 (29) "Game reserve" means a closed area where hunting for all
8 wild animals and wild birds is prohibited.

9 (30) "Illegal items" means those items unlawful to be possessed.

10 (31)(a) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means
11 to purposefully or knowingly provide, leave, or place in, on, or
12 about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance
13 that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or
14 building.

15 (b) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not
16 include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed
17 garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically
18 directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority
19 to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

20 (32) "Large wild carnivore" includes wild bear, cougar, and wolf.

21 (33) "License year" means the period of time for which a
22 recreational license is valid. The license year begins April 1st, and
23 ends March 31st.

24 (34) "Limited-entry license" means a license subject to a license
25 limitation program established in chapter 77.70 RCW.

26 (35) "Money" means all currency, script, personal checks, money
27 orders, or other negotiable instruments.

28 (36) "Natural person" means a human being.

29 (37)(a) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to
30 provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any
31 food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract
32 large wild carnivores to that land or building, without the awareness
33 that a reasonable person in the same situation would have with regard
34 to the likelihood that the food, food waste, or other substance could
35 attract large wild carnivores to the land or building.

36 (b) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not
37 include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed
38 garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically
39 directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority
40 to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

1 (38) "Nonresident" means a person who has not fulfilled the
2 qualifications of a resident.

3 (39) "Offshore waters" means marine waters of the Pacific Ocean
4 outside the territorial boundaries of the state, including the marine
5 waters of other states and countries.

6 (40) "Open season" means those times, manners of taking, and
7 places or waters established by rule of the commission for the lawful
8 hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds,
9 game fish, food fish, or shellfish that conform to the special
10 restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the
11 commission or that have otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish,
12 take, or possess by rule of the commission. "Open season" includes
13 the first and last days of the established time.

14 (41) "Owner" means the person in whom is vested the ownership
15 dominion, or title of the property.

16 (42) "Person" means and includes an individual; a corporation; a
17 public or private entity or organization; a local, state, or federal
18 agency; all business organizations, including corporations and
19 partnerships; or a group of two or more individuals acting with a
20 common purpose whether acting in an individual, representative, or
21 official capacity.

22 (43) "Personal property" or "property" includes both corporeal
23 and incorporeal personal property and includes, among other property,
24 contraband and money.

25 (44) "Personal use" means for the private use of the individual
26 taking the fish or shellfish and not for sale or barter.

27 (45) "Predatory birds" means wild birds that may be hunted
28 throughout the year as authorized by the commission.

29 (46) "Protected wildlife" means wildlife designated by the
30 commission that shall not be hunted or fished.

31 (47) "Raffle" means an activity in which tickets bearing an
32 individual number are sold for not more than twenty-five dollars each
33 and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or for access to
34 hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a drawing from
35 the tickets by the person or persons conducting the raffle.

36 (48) "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 77.08.075.

37 (49) "Retail-eligible species" means commercially harvested
38 salmon, crab, and sturgeon.

39 (50) "Saltwater" means those marine waters seaward of river
40 mouths.

1 (51) "Seaweed" means marine aquatic plant species that are
2 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
3 either an attached or free floating form, and includes but is not
4 limited to marine aquatic plants in the classes Chlorophyta,
5 Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta.

6 (52) "Senior" means a person seventy years old or older.

7 (53) "Shark fin" means a raw, dried, or otherwise processed
8 detached fin or tail of a shark.

9 (54)(a) "Shark fin derivative product" means any product intended
10 for use by humans or animals that is derived in whole or in part from
11 shark fins or shark fin cartilage.

12 (b) "Shark fin derivative product" does not include a drug
13 approved by the United States food and drug administration and
14 available by prescription only or medical device or vaccine approved
15 by the United States food and drug administration.

16 (55) "Shellfish" means those species of marine and freshwater
17 invertebrates that have been classified and that shall not be taken
18 or possessed except as authorized by rule of the commission. The term
19 "shellfish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts
20 of shellfish species.

21 (56) "State waters" means all marine waters and fresh waters
22 within ordinary high water lines and within the territorial
23 boundaries of the state.

24 (57) "Taxidermist" means a person who, for commercial purposes,
25 creates lifelike representations of fish and wildlife using fish and
26 wildlife parts and various supporting structures.

27 (58) "To fish" and its derivatives means an effort to kill,
28 injure, harass, harvest, or capture a fish or shellfish.

29 (59) "To hunt" and its derivatives means an effort to kill,
30 injure, harass, harvest, or capture a wild animal or wild bird.

31 (60) "To process" and its derivatives mean preparing or
32 preserving fish, wildlife, or shellfish.

33 (61) "To take" and its derivatives means to kill, injure,
34 harvest, or capture a fish, shellfish, wild animal, bird, or seaweed.

35 (62) "To trap" and its derivatives means a method of hunting
36 using devices to capture wild animals or wild birds.

37 (63) "To waste" or "to be wasted" means to allow any edible
38 portion of any game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big
39 game animal other than cougar to be rendered unfit for human
40 consumption, or to fail to retrieve edible portions of such a game

1 bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than
2 cougar from the field. For purposes of this chapter, edible portions
3 of game birds must include, at a minimum, the breast meat of those
4 birds. Entrails, including the heart and liver, of any wildlife
5 species are not considered edible.

6 (64) "Trafficking" means offering, attempting to engage, or
7 engaging in sale, barter, or purchase of fish, shellfish, wildlife,
8 or deleterious exotic wildlife.

9 (65) "Unclaimed" means that no owner of the property has been
10 identified or has requested, in writing, the release of the property
11 to themselves nor has the owner of the property designated an
12 individual to receive the property or paid the required postage to
13 effect delivery of the property.

14 (66) "Unclassified wildlife" means wildlife existing in
15 Washington in a wild state that have not been classified as big game,
16 game animals, game birds, predatory birds, protected wildlife,
17 endangered wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

18 (67) "Wholesale fish dealer" means a person who, acting for
19 commercial purposes, takes possession or ownership of fish or
20 shellfish and sells, barter, or exchanges or attempts to sell,
21 barter, or exchange fish or shellfish that have been landed into the
22 state of Washington or entered the state of Washington in interstate
23 or foreign commerce.

24 (68) "Wild animals" means those species of the class Mammalia
25 whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. The term "wild
26 animal" does not include feral domestic mammals or old world rats and
27 mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia.

28 (69) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose
29 members exist in Washington in a wild state.

30 (70) "Wildlife" means all species of the animal kingdom whose
31 members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not
32 limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and
33 invertebrates. The term "wildlife" does not include feral domestic
34 mammals, old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order
35 Rodentia, or those fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates
36 classified as food fish or shellfish by the director. The term
37 "wildlife" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of
38 wildlife members.

1 (71) "Wildlife meat cutter" means a person who packs, cuts,
2 processes, or stores wildlife for consumption for another for
3 commercial purposes.

4 (72) "Youth" means a person fifteen years old for fishing and
5 under sixteen years old for hunting.

6 (73) "Covered animal species" means any species of elephant,
7 rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle,
8 shark, or ray either: (a) Listed in appendix I or appendix II of the
9 convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora
10 and fauna; or (b) listed as critically endangered, endangered, or
11 vulnerable on the international union for conservation of nature and
12 natural resources red list of threatened species.

13 (74) "Covered animal species part or product" means any item that
14 contains, or is wholly or partially made from, any covered animal
15 species.

16 (75) "Distribute" or "distribution" means either a change in
17 possession for consideration or a change in legal ownership.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.15
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) Except as authorized in subsections (2) and (3) of this
21 section, it is unlawful for a person to sell, offer to sell,
22 purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute any covered animal species
23 part or product.

24 (2) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section
25 do not apply if any of the following conditions is satisfied:

26 (a) The covered animal species part or product is part of a bona
27 fide antique, provided the antique status of such an antique is
28 established by the owner or seller thereof with historical
29 documentation evidencing provenance and showing the antique to be not
30 less than one hundred years old, and the covered animal species part
31 or product is less than fifteen percent by volume of such an antique;

32 (b) The distribution of the covered animal species part or
33 product is for a bona fide educational or scientific purpose, or to
34 or from a museum;

35 (c) The distribution of the covered animal species part or
36 product is to a legal beneficiary of an estate, trust, or other
37 inheritance, upon the death of the owner of the covered animal
38 species part or product;

1 (d) The covered animal species part or product is less than
2 fifteen percent by volume of a musical instrument, including, without
3 limitation, string instruments and bows, wind and percussion
4 instruments, and pianos; or

5 (e) The intrastate sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, barter
6 for, or distribution of the covered animal species part or product is
7 expressly authorized by federal law or permit.

8 (3) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section
9 do not apply to an employee or agent of a federal, state, or local
10 government undertaking any law enforcement activity pursuant to
11 federal, state, or local law or any mandatory duty required by
12 federal, state, or local law.

13 (4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is
14 guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction
15 in the second degree if the person commits the act described in
16 subsection (1) of this section and the violation involves covered
17 animal species parts or products with a total market value of less
18 than two hundred fifty dollars.

19 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is
20 guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction
21 in the first degree if the person commits the act described by
22 subsection (1) of this section and the violation:

23 (i) Involves covered animal species parts or products with a
24 total market value of two hundred fifty dollars or more;

25 (ii) Occurs after entry of a prior conviction under this section;
26 or

27 (iii) Occurs within five years of entry of a prior conviction for
28 any other gross misdemeanor or felony under this chapter.

29 (c) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in
30 the second degree is a gross misdemeanor.

31 (d) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in
32 the first degree is a class C felony.

33 (e) If a person commits the act described by subsection (1) of
34 this section and such an act also would be a violation of any other
35 criminal provision of this title, the prosecuting authority has
36 discretion as to which crime or crimes the person is charged as long
37 as the charges are consistent with any limitations in the state and
38 federal Constitutions.

39 (5) In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (4) of
40 this section, if a person is convicted of violating this section, the

1 court shall require payment of a criminal wildlife penalty assessment
2 in the amount of two thousand dollars that must be paid to the clerk
3 of the court and distributed each month to the state treasurer for
4 deposit in the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account created
5 in RCW 77.15.425.

6 (6) If two or more people are convicted under subsection (1) of
7 this section, the criminal wildlife penalty assessment under this
8 section must be imposed against each person jointly and severally.

9 (7) The criminal wildlife penalty assessment provided in this
10 section must be doubled if the person is convicted of unlawful
11 trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first
12 degree.

13 (8) By January 1, 2017, and thereafter annually, the director
14 shall provide a comprehensive report outlining current and future
15 enforcement activities and strategies related to this act, including
16 recommendations regarding any necessary changes, to the relevant
17 policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of
18 representatives.

19 (9) The commission may adopt rules necessary for the
20 implementation and enforcement of this act.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.15.085 and 2000 c 107 s 232 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Fish and wildlife officers and ex officio fish and wildlife
24 officers may seize without a warrant wildlife, fish, ~~((and))~~
25 shellfish, and covered animal species parts and products they have
26 probable cause to believe have been taken, transported, or possessed
27 in violation of this title or rule of the commission or director.

28 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.15.100 and 2014 c 48 s 4 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) Fish, shellfish, and wildlife are property of the state under
31 RCW 77.04.012. Fish and wildlife officers may sell seized,
32 commercially taken or possessed fish and shellfish to a wholesale
33 buyer and deposit the proceeds into the fish and wildlife enforcement
34 reward account under RCW 77.15.425. Seized, recreationally taken or
35 possessed fish, shellfish, and wildlife may be donated to nonprofit
36 charitable organizations. The charitable organization must qualify
37 for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal
38 internal revenue code.

1 (2) Fish and wildlife officers may dispose of any covered animal
2 species part or product seized through the enforcement of section 3
3 of this act through a donation to a bona fide educational or
4 scientific institution, solely for the purposes of raising awareness
5 of the trafficking and threatened nature of endangered animals, as
6 allowed under state, federal, and international law.

7 (3) Unless otherwise provided in this title, fish, shellfish,
8 ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or any covered animal species part or product taken
9 or possessed in violation of this title or department rule shall be
10 forfeited to the state upon conviction or any outcome in criminal
11 court whereby a person voluntarily enters into a disposition that
12 continues or defers the case for dismissal upon the successful
13 completion of specific terms or conditions. For criminal cases
14 resulting in other types of dispositions, the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~
15 wildlife, or covered animal species part or product may be returned,
16 or its equivalent value paid, if the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~
17 wildlife, or covered animal species part or product have already been
18 donated or sold.

19 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.15.425 and 2014 c 48 s 17 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in
22 the custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include:
23 Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department
24 enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications;
25 fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification
26 renewals; all receipts from criminal wildlife penalty assessments
27 under ~~((RCW 77.15.370, 77.15.400, and 77.15.420))~~ this chapter; all
28 receipts of court-ordered restitution or donations associated with
29 any fish, shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds
30 from forfeitures and evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and
31 77.15.100. The department may accept money or personal property from
32 persons under conditions requiring the property or money to be used
33 consistent with the intent of expenditures from the fish and wildlife
34 enforcement reward account. Expenditures from the account may be used
35 only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses,
36 to provide rewards to persons informing the department about
37 violations of this title and rules adopted under this title, to
38 offset department-approved costs incurred to administer the hunter
39 education deferral program and the master hunter permit program, and

1 for other valid enforcement uses as determined by the commission.
2 Only the director or the director's designee may authorize
3 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
4 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
5 required for expenditures.