
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2175

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Maycumber, Blake, Buys, Taylor, and Shea)

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1 AN ACT Relating to natural resource management activities;
2 amending RCW 77.12.037; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21C
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.037 and 2000 c 107 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The commission may acquire by gift, easement, purchase,
8 lease, or condemnation lands, buildings, water rights, rights-of-way,
9 or other necessary property, and construct and maintain necessary
10 facilities for purposes consistent with this title. The commission
11 may authorize the director to acquire property under this section,
12 but the power of condemnation may only be exercised by the director
13 when an appropriation has been made by the legislature for the
14 acquisition of a specific property, except to clear title and acquire
15 access rights-of-way.

16 (2) The department has the authority to manage acquired lands
17 using the best available land management techniques to implement
18 strategic activities to reduce hazard fuels in areas that could be
19 prone to wildfire. These techniques may include, but are not limited
20 to:

1 (a) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases covering six hundred
2 forty contiguous acres or less;

3 (b) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

4 (c) Issuance of leases for brush picking;

5 (d) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain
6 public and recreational land, as long as the chemicals used are
7 approved by the Washington state department of agriculture and
8 applied by licensed personnel; and

9 (e) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use
10 existing roads in nonresidential areas.

11 (3) The commission may sell, lease, convey, or grant concessions
12 upon real or personal property under the control of the department.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.21C
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 The following natural resource management activities of the
16 department of fish and wildlife are not subject to the requirements
17 of RCW 43.21C.031:

18 (1) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases covering six hundred
19 forty contiguous acres or less;

20 (2) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

21 (3) Issuance of leases for brush picking;

22 (4) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain
23 public and recreational land, as long as the chemicals used are
24 approved by the Washington state department of agriculture and
25 applied by licensed personnel; and

26 (5) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use
27 existing roads in nonresidential areas.

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