SENATE BILL 5826

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By Senators Padden and Hasegawa

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1 AN ACT Relating to warm water game fish management; and amending 2 RCW 77.12.085.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 77.12.085 and 2019 c 290 s 2 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 <u>(1)</u> The commission shall adopt rules to liberalize bag limits for 7 bass, walleye, and channel catfish in all anadromous waters of the 8 state in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts.

9 <u>(2) The commission must adopt rules limiting bag limits for warm</u> 10 <u>water game fish to no more than five fish per day in nonanadromous</u> 11 <u>waters of the state to maintain a healthy and vibrant long-term</u> 12 fishery.

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