

**RCW 77.85.090 Southwest Washington salmon recovery region—  
Created—Recognition as a regional recovery organization—Puget Sound  
salmon recovery organizations.** (1) The southwest Washington salmon  
recovery region, whose boundaries are provided in chapter 60, Laws of  
1998, is created.

(2) Lead entities within a salmon recovery region that agree to  
form a regional salmon recovery organization may be recognized by the  
governor's salmon recovery office created in RCW 77.85.030 as a  
regional recovery organization. The regional recovery organization may  
plan, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of a regional  
recovery plan in accordance with RCW 77.85.150. Regional recovery  
organizations existing as of July 24, 2005, that have developed draft  
recovery plans approved by the governor's salmon recovery office by  
July 1, 2005, may continue to plan, coordinate, and monitor the  
implementation of regional recovery plans.

(3) Beginning January 1, 2008, the leadership council, created  
under chapter 90.71 RCW, shall serve as the regional salmon recovery  
organization for Puget Sound salmon species, except for the program  
known as the Hood Canal summer chum evolutionarily significant unit  
area, which the Hood Canal coordinating council shall continue to  
administer under chapter 90.88 RCW. [2009 c 345 § 10. Prior: 2007 c  
444 § 5; 2007 c 341 § 49; 2005 c 309 § 7; 2000 c 107 § 99; 1998 c 246  
§ 12. Formerly RCW 75.46.110.]

**Finding—Intent—2009 c 345:** See notes following RCW 77.85.030.

**Effective date—2007 c 341:** See RCW 90.71.907.