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**SENATE BILL 5158**

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**By** Senators Owen, Oke, Sutherland and Bauer

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1            AN ACT Relating to recreational fishing; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 43.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the improvement  
5 of recreational fishing within the state of Washington is of prime  
6 importance and that additional emphasis should be placed on the  
7 enhancement of recreational fisheries for the purposes of improving the  
8 quality of life and for economic development.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.300 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11            The director shall establish, fund from existing revenues, and fill  
12 a position within the department of fish and wildlife to be known as  
13 the recreational fishing administrator. The duties of the recreational  
14 fishing administrator are to further the development of recreational  
15 fishing within the state. The administrator shall act as an advisor to  
16 the director and as a bridge between the director and the divisions  
17 that manage and produce fish within the department. The director shall  
18 provide the recreational administrator with sufficient resources so

1 that the position achieves full effectiveness. The administrator shall  
2 form a liaison with the public by reaching out to diverse recreational  
3 fishing interests in all regions of the state, and shall establish  
4 regional advisors for different recreational fishing interests.

5 The recreational administrator shall report annually to the  
6 legislature on the progress of the program to improve recreational  
7 fishing, the status of the previous year's recreational fishing  
8 seasons, problems and constraints placed upon the recreational fishery,  
9 conflicts between commercial fishing and recreational fishing, and  
10 suggestions for recreational fishing improvements.

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