

VETO MESSAGE ON SHB 1778

May 5, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 53, Substitute House Bill 1778 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modernizing certain provisions
in Title 77 RCW regarding fish and wildlife."

Section 53 provides the legislative intent and findings for the wildlife interactions portion of this bill. I am concerned that this section of the bill is overly broad and may lead to unintended consequences regarding expectations of the wildlife interaction program modified by this act. I do not believe that vetoing this section will in any way hinder the implementation of this program.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 53 of Substitute House Bill 1778. With the exception of Section 53, Substitute House Bill 1778 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor