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SENATE BILL 6072

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By Senators Rolfe and Ranker

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a biennial update on forage fish;  
2 and amending RCW 77.04.120 and 77.12.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.120 and 2000 c 107 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director shall investigate the habits, supply, and economic  
7 use of food fish and shellfish in state and offshore waters.

8 (2) The director shall make an annual report to the governor on the  
9 operation of the department and the statistics of the fishing industry.

10 (3) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036 and within existing resources,  
11 the department shall provide a biennial report on forage fish,  
12 including anchovy, herring, sand lance, sardine, and smelt, to the  
13 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by  
14 June 30th of each odd-numbered year. The report must include, at  
15 minimum: A forage fish population assessment; a profile of the  
16 relevant recreational and commercial fisheries; economic impact and  
17 employment data for these fisheries, including identification of  
18 significant markets as well as any potential risks to these markets  
19 relating to declining forage fish populations; an analysis of the

1 impact of forage fish removal on the marine ecosystem, with particular  
2 consideration given to the impact of forage fish removal on endangered  
3 marine species as well as other marine mammal and marine bird  
4 populations; and the status of the department's forage fish  
5 conservation efforts.

6 (4) Subject to RCW 40.07.040, the director shall provide a  
7 comprehensive biennial report of all departmental operations to the  
8 chairs of the committees on natural resources of the senate and house  
9 of representatives, the senate ways and means committee, and the house  
10 of representatives appropriations committee, including one copy to the  
11 staff of each of the committees, to reflect the previous fiscal period.  
12 The format of the report shall be similar to reports issued by the  
13 department from 1964-1970 and the report shall include, but not be  
14 limited to, descriptions of all department activities including:  
15 Revenues generated, program costs, capital expenditures, personnel,  
16 special projects, new and ongoing research, environmental controls,  
17 cooperative projects, intergovernmental agreements, and outlines of  
18 ongoing litigation, recent court decisions and orders on major issues  
19 with the potential for state liability. The report shall describe the  
20 status of the resource and its recreational, commercial, and tribal  
21 utilization. The report shall be made available to the public.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.190 and 2009 c 333 s 32 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (1) Moneys in the state wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170  
25 may be used only for the purposes of this title, including the payment  
26 of principal and interest on bonds issued for capital projects.

27 (2) If the department has not submitted the initial report required  
28 under RCW 77.04.120 (3) by January 1, 2016, it may not spend any moneys  
29 from the state wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170 until such  
30 time as the report is submitted.

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