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By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.12.037 and 2000 c 107 s 4 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The commission may acquire by gift, easement, purchase,
6 lease, or condemnation lands, buildings, water rights, rights-of-way,
7 or other necessary property, and construct and maintain necessary
8 facilities for purposes consistent with this title. The commission
9 may authorize the director to acquire property under this section,
10 but the power of condemnation may only be exercised by the director
11 when an appropriation has been made by the legislature for the
12 acquisition of a specific property, except to clear title and acquire
13 access rights-of-way.

14 (2) The department has the authority to manage acquired lands
15 using the best available land management techniques, and shall
16 develop mitigation actions where appropriate. These techniques may
17 include, but are not limited to:

18 (a) Issuance of new grazing leases covering a section of land or
19 less and issuance of grazing leases for land that has been subject to
20 a grazing lease within the previous ten years;

21 (b) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

22 (c) Issuance of leases for brush picking;

23 (d) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain
24 public and recreational land, as long as the chemicals used are
25 approved by the Washington state department of agriculture and
26 applied by licensed personnel in watersheds that are not controlled
27 for the purpose of drinking water quality; and

28 (e) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use
29 existing roads in nonresidential areas.

30 (3) The commission may sell, lease, convey, or grant concessions
31 upon real or personal property under the control of the department.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 The use of, or planning for, the specific natural resource
4 management activities of the department of fish and wildlife in RCW
5 77.12.037(2) are not subject to the requirements of RCW 43.21C.031."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "activities;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 77.12.037; and adding
8 a new section to chapter 43.21C RCW."

EFFECT: Specifies the issuance of new grazing leases covering a section of land or less or the issuance of a grazing lease for land that has been subject to a lease within the previous 10 years are natural resource management activities exempt from the requirements to prepare an environmental impact statement under the State Environmental Policy Act.

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