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1　　　On page 3, after line 28, insert the following:

2　　　"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of fish and wildlife
3　　must convene a diverse work group including, but not limited to,
4　　representatives from nongovernmental organizations, recreational
5　　boaters, the commercial whale watching industry, commercial fishers,
6　　ports and marinas, relevant government entities, tribes, and the
7　　southern resident orca research community to inform the development
8　　of outreach and education strategies to implement RCW 77.15.740(6). A
9　　report summarizing the work of the work group and the department of
10　　fish and wildlife's outreach strategies must be included in the 2024
11　　adaptive management report identified in RCW 77.65.620(5). The
12　　department of fish and wildlife must conduct intensive outreach and
13　　education in fiscal year 2024 and the first half of 2025 to implement
14　　the work group outreach recommendations.
15　　　(2) This section expires June 30, 2025."

16　　　Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
17　　internal references accordingly.

18　　　On page 3, line 36, after "annual" strike "fees" and insert
19　　"((fees)) application"

20　　　On page 8, line 14, after "1," strike "2024" and insert "2025"

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21　　　On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "77.15.815;" insert
22　　"creating a new section;" and on line 3, after "penalties;" strike
23　　the remainder of the title and insert "providing an effective date;
24　　and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Directs the department of fish and wildlife to establish a stakeholder work group to inform the development of outreach and education strategies regarding best practices for recreational boating in waters inhabited by southern resident orcas and provide recommendations in the 2024 adaptive management report. Delays the implementation of new vessel distance requirements from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.

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