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3 By Senators Metcalf, Owen, Oke and Snyder

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the plant
8 resources of marine aquatic ecosystems have inherent value and provide
9 essential habitat. These resources are also becoming increasingly
10 valuable as economic commodities and may be declining. The legislature
11 further finds that the regulation of harvest of these resources is
12 currently inadequate to afford necessary protection."

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
14 otherwise, the definition in this section applies throughout this
15 chapter.

16 "Marine aquatic plants" means marine plant species that are
17 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
18 either an attached or free-floating state. Marine aquatic plants
19 include but are not limited to seaweed of the classes Chlorophyta,
20 Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta."

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The maximum daily wet weight harvest or
22 possession of seaweed for personal use from all private and state
23 tidelands and state bedlands is ten pounds per person. The department
24 of natural resources in cooperation with the department of fisheries
25 may establish seaweed harvest limits of less than ten pounds for

1 conservation purposes. The departments shall jointly develop a seaweed
2 management plan for any seaweed species which is harvested."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A violation of section 3 of this act is
4 a misdemeanor. All law enforcement officers, including fisheries
5 patrol officers, may enforce this chapter."

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 3 of this act shall in no way
7 affect the ability of any state agency to prevent all harvest of marine
8 aquatic plants from lands under its control, ownership, or management.
9 Sections 3 and 4 of this act do not apply to commercial harvest of
10 marine aquatic plants."

11 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 2 through 5 of this act are
12 each added to chapter 79.01 RCW."

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16 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "seaweed;" strike the
17 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 79.01
18 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties."