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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A warm water game fish enhancement program  
8 is created in the department to be funded from the sale of a warm water  
9 game fish surcharge and the revenue attributed to the sale of  
10 department fishing licenses that are purchased by fishers who fish for  
11 certain warm water game fish species. The enhancement program shall be  
12 designed to increase the opportunities to fish for and catch warm water  
13 game fish including: Largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass,  
14 channel catfish, black crappie, white crappie, walleye, and tiger  
15 musky, and other species as defined by the department. The program  
16 shall be designed to use a practical applied approach to increasing  
17 warm water fishing. The department shall use the funds available  
18 efficiently to assure the greatest increase in the fishing for warm  
19 water fish at the lowest cost. This approach shall involve the  
20 minimization of overhead and administrative costs and the maximization  
21 of productive in-the-field activities.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** In order to fish throughout the state for  
23 warm water game fish, a person fifteen years of age or older shall pay  
24 to the department an annual warm water game fish surcharge. For the  
25 purposes of this section, "warm water game fish" means largemouth black  
26 bass, smallmouth black bass, walleye, black crappie, white crappie,  
27 channel catfish, and tiger musky. The department shall use the most  
28 cost-effective format in designing and administering the surcharge.  
29 Revenues from the surcharge shall be deposited in the warm water game  
30 fish account created under section 4 of this act. The annual surcharge  
31 shall be in the following amounts:

32 (1) For residents and nonresidents between fifteen and sixty-nine  
33 years of age and for nonresidents seventy years of age or older who  
34 hold an annual fishing license issued under RCW 77.32.101, five  
35 dollars;

1 (2) For residents seventy years of age or older who hold an annual  
2 fishing license issued under RCW 77.32.101, one dollar; and

3 (3) For residents and nonresidents between fifteen and sixty-nine  
4 years of age and nonresidents seventy years of age and older who hold  
5 a temporary fishing license under RCW 77.32.161, two dollars.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The goals of the warm water game fish  
7 enhancement program are to improve the fishing for warm water game fish  
8 using cost-effective management. Development of new ponds and lakes  
9 shall be an important and integral part of the program. The department  
10 shall work with the department of natural resources to coordinate the  
11 reclamation of surface mines and the development of warm water game  
12 fish ponds. Improvement of warm water fishing shall be coordinated  
13 with the protection and conservation of cold water fish populations.  
14 This shall be accomplished by carefully designing the warm water  
15 projects to have minimal adverse effects upon the cold water fish  
16 populations. New pond and lake development should have beneficial  
17 effects upon wildlife due to the increase in lacustrine and wetland  
18 habitat that will accompany the improvement of warm water fish habitat.  
19 The department shall not develop projects that will increase the  
20 populations of undesirable or deleterious fish species such as carp,  
21 squawfish, walking catfish, and others.

22 Fish culture programs shall be used in conditions where they will  
23 prove to be cost-effective. Consideration should be made for  
24 development of urban area enhancement of fishing opportunity for put-  
25 and-take species, such as channel catfish, which are amenable to  
26 production by low-cost fish culture methods. Fish culture shall also  
27 be used for stocking of high value species, such as walleye, smallmouth  
28 bass, and tiger musky. Introduction of special genetic strains that  
29 show high potential for recreational fishing improvement, including  
30 Florida strain largemouth bass, shall be considered.

31 Transplantation and introduction of exotic warm water fish shall be  
32 carefully reviewed to assure that adverse effects to native fish and  
33 wildlife populations do not occur. This review shall include an  
34 analysis of consequences from disease and parasite introduction.

35 Population management through the use of fish toxicants, including  
36 rotenone or derris root, shall be considered as a management option in  
37 the warm water game fish enhancement program. However, any use of fish  
38 toxicants shall be subject to a thorough review to prevent adverse

1 effects to cold water fish, desirable warm water fish, and other biota.  
2 Eradication of deleterious fish species shall be a goal of the program.

3 Habitat improvement shall be a major aspect of the warm water  
4 enhancement program. Habitat improvement opportunities shall be  
5 defined with scientific investigations, field surveys, and by using the  
6 extensive experience of other state management entities. Installation  
7 of cover, structure, water flow control structures, screens, spawning  
8 substrate, vegetation control, and other management techniques shall be  
9 fully used. The department shall work to gain access to privately  
10 owned waters that can be developed with habitat improvements to improve  
11 the warm water resource for public fishing. Habitat improvements shall  
12 be conducted in such a manner as to have secondary benefits to  
13 waterfowl, other wildlife, and cold water fish.

14 The program may include research if necessary to achieve overall  
15 program goals.

16 The department shall use the resources of cooperative groups to  
17 assist in the planning and implementation of the warm water game fish  
18 enhancement program. In the development of the program the department  
19 shall actively involve the organized fishing clubs that primarily fish  
20 for warm water fish.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The warm water game fish account is hereby  
22 created in the state wildlife fund. Moneys in the account are subject  
23 to legislative appropriation and shall be used for the purpose of  
24 funding the warm water game fish enhancement program under section 3 of  
25 this act. Revenues from the warm water game fish surcharge established  
26 under section 2 of this act shall be deposited into the account.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The director shall make every effort to  
28 allocate funding among department fish management programs proportional  
29 to the revenues from the sale of fishing licenses issued under RCW  
30 77.32.101 and attributable to fishing for the species managed within  
31 each of the programs.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall  
33 constitute a new chapter in Title 77 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this act  
35 shall take effect July 1, 1994.

1 (2) Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1995."

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