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1 AN ACT Relating to integrated and coordinated water resource
2 management; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of ecology shall create
5 a watershed management task force. The task force may consist of local
6 governments, Indian tribes, the appropriate state and federal agencies,
7 and interested parties. The purpose of the task force is to design a
8 framework that will allow water resources to be managed on a watershed
9 basis. Specifically, the task force shall:

10 (a) Identify watershed basin planning areas or establish a
11 mechanism for local governments to establish such areas;

12 (b) Establish a methodology to assess the needs and priorities of
13 watershed planning areas;

14 (c) Identify a planning framework that coordinates and consolidates
15 current planning requirements for water resources into a single plan.
16 The planning framework shall include, but not be limited to, water
17 resource planning requirements of chapters 36.70A, 70.116, 86.12,
18 86.13, 90.44, 90.48, 90.58, and 90.70 RCW;

1 (d) Identify a permitting framework that coordinates, and to the
2 extent possible, consolidates the permitting requirements under
3 chapters 76.09 and 75.20 RCW, and the chapters identified under (c) of
4 this subsection; and

5 (e) Coordinate with planning efforts required under chapter 90.54
6 RCW.

7 (2) By December 1, 1993, the task force shall submit a report of
8 its findings to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

9 (3) This section shall expire June 30, 1994.

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