

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6114**

Chapter 153, Laws of 1998

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SPREAD OF ZEBRA MUSSELS AND EUROPEAN  
GREEN CRABS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/25/98

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1998  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 4, 1998  
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 25, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6114** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

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**Secretary**

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GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

**State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1998 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Spanel, Kline, Snyder and Haugen)

Read first time 02/02/98.

1            AN ACT Relating to prevention and control of nonindigenous aquatic  
2 species; adding new sections to chapter 75.24 RCW; creating new  
3 sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The unauthorized introduction of the zebra  
6 mussel and the European green crab into Washington state waters would  
7 pose a serious economic and environmental threat. The zebra mussel and  
8 European green crab have adverse impacts on fisheries, waterways,  
9 public and private facilities, and the functioning of natural  
10 ecosystems. The threat of zebra mussels and European green crabs  
11 requires a coordinated response. It is the intent of the legislature  
12 to prevent adverse economic and environmental impacts caused by zebra  
13 mussels and European green crabs in cooperation and coordination with  
14 local governments, the public, other states, and federal agencies.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17            To complement programs authorized by the federal aquatic nuisance  
18 species task force, the department of fish and wildlife is directed to

1 develop draft rules for legislative consideration to prevent the  
2 introduction and dispersal of zebra mussels and European green crabs  
3 and to allow eradication of infestations that may occur. The  
4 department is authorized to display and distribute material and  
5 literature informing boaters and owners of airplanes that land on water  
6 of the problem and to publicize and maintain a telephone number  
7 available to the public to express concerns and report infestations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 The department of fish and wildlife shall prepare, maintain, and  
11 publish a list of all lakes, ponds, or other waters of the state and  
12 other states infested with zebra mussels or European green crabs. The  
13 department may participate in regional or national groups addressing  
14 these species.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state shall develop a plan for  
16 controlling the introduction of zebra mussels and European green crabs.  
17 A zebra mussel and European green crab task force is created. The  
18 task force is chaired by the department of fish and wildlife.

19 The task force shall:

20 (1) Develop recommendations for legislative consideration  
21 including: (a) Control methods; (b) inspection procedures; (c)  
22 penalties; (d) notification procedures; and (e) eradication and control  
23 techniques.

24 (2) For each threat, identify the primary pathways of introduction,  
25 options for regulating each pathway, and if possible a recommended  
26 method of pathway control. These methods of control shall include  
27 details on what entity would be responsible for its implementation.

28 (3) For each recommended mechanism of pathway control, identify the  
29 estimated costs of implementing a state program, including ideas of  
30 funding sources.

31 (4) Provide recommendations for how to structure and fund a state  
32 program that monitors the detection and spread of these species.

33 When making recommendations, the task force shall emphasize working  
34 in a coordinated fashion with existing state, federal, and  
35 international programs.

36 The task force shall invite participation from all groups affected  
37 by the proposed pathway control measures, including representatives of

1 aquaculture, recreational boating, seaplane operators, maritime cargo  
2 vessels, retail and wholesale aquariums, shellfish growers, marinas,  
3 and small boat harbors.

4 The department of fish and wildlife shall also seek the  
5 participation of the University of Washington, the department of  
6 ecology, the department of agriculture, the department of  
7 transportation, the department of natural resources, and the Washington  
8 state patrol. Appropriate federal interests shall also be invited to  
9 participate, including the United States coast guard, the United States  
10 department of agriculture and the United States fish and wildlife  
11 service.

12 The task force's final recommendations shall be provided to the  
13 legislature by December 1, 1998.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this act expires January 1,  
15 1999.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
19 immediately.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
21 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
22 June 30, 1998, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
23 void.

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