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## SENATE BILL 5002

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By Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Honeyford, T. Sheldon, Kline, Winsley, Rossi, Patterson, Rasmussen and Costa

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to a fish and wildlife hot line; and adding a new
- 2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 The department shall maintain a toll-free telephone hot line to
- 7 assist the public in the reporting of fish and wildlife poaching,
- 8 wildlife sightings that pose a threat to humans or domesticated
- 9 animals, and unlawful destruction of fish and wildlife habitat. The
- 10 department shall report the results of its investigative findings back
- 11 to each person who provides a poaching, dangerous wildlife, or habitat
- 12 destruction report, if requested to do so by the person making the
- 13 report.
- 14 The department shall conduct a public information program in order
- 15 to inform the public about the existence and purpose of the toll-free
- 16 telephone hot line.

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