

SB 5266 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) There is created a legislative task
4 force to study and make recommendations regarding geoduck management
5 and harvest rules. The task force is composed of the following
6 members:

7 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives to include one member from each
9 of the two largest political caucuses;

10 (b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
11 senate to include one member from each of the two largest political
12 caucuses;

13 (c) The chair of the house of representatives' fisheries, ecology
14 and parks committee and the chair of the house of representatives'
15 agriculture and natural resources committee; and

16 (d) The chair of the senate parks, fish, and wildlife committee and
17 the senate natural resources, energy, and water committee.

18 (2) The task force must elect a chair and agree upon procedures for
19 conducting the business of the task force. The task force may
20 establish an advisory committee of stakeholders including but not
21 limited to representatives from treaty Indian tribes, the aquaculture
22 industry, geoduck divers, private shoreline property owners, the
23 department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources,
24 the department of health, the department of agriculture, local
25 government, or other affected stakeholders. Staff support for the task
26 force must be provided by the house of representatives' office of
27 program research and senate committee services.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 1, 2003, the task force

1 established in section 1 of this act must report to the legislature
2 with recommendations concerning the following issues:

3 (1) Improvements for the coordinated management of the geoduck
4 resource;

5 (2) The costs and benefits of implementing a limited entry geoduck
6 diver license;

7 (3) Improvements for compliance and enforcement with geoduck
8 harvest rules on state and nonstate-owned lands;

9 (4) Improvements to state rules for geoduck harvesting; and

10 (5) The state's potential role in aquaculture and reseedling of
11 geoduck clams.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires January 1, 2004."

13 Correct the title.

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