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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to an independent forest and fish science panel;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 76.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The independent forest and fish science panel is created.

7 (2) The independent forest and fish science panel is composed of  
8 the following seven members, appointed by the governor:

9 (a) A fish biologist;

10 (b) A conservation biologist;

11 (c) A geomorphologist;

12 (d) A geologist;

13 (e) A hydrologist; and

14 (f) Two persons with substantial experience assessing adaptive  
15 management programs.

16 (3) Of the initial members appointed to the independent forest and  
17 fish science panel by the governor, two members must serve two-year  
18 terms, two members must serve three-year terms, and three members must  
19 serve four-year terms. Thereafter, members of the panel serve four-

1 year terms. A member of the panel may serve no more than two full  
2 terms. Vacancies on the panel must be filled in the same manner as the  
3 original appointments.

4 (4) The purpose of the independent forest and fish science panel is  
5 to provide advice to the commissioner with respect to the adaptive  
6 management program created under this chapter and rules implementing  
7 this chapter. The commissioner may consult with the panel and ask the  
8 panel to review information produced by the adaptive management  
9 program. The panel must be governed by generally accepted guidelines  
10 and practices governing activities of independent science boards such  
11 as the national academy of sciences. The panel must help ensure that  
12 sound science is used in the adaptive management program.

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