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Requires the work group to evaluate the safety risks from wave amplification and the impacts to the coastal crab resource of the state from the Columbia river channel improvement project, including annual maintenance at the mouth of the Columbia river and all ocean and in-river disposal activity. The work group shall adopt recommendations for measures that would help to avoid, minimize, or compensate for such risks and impacts, and shall provide these recommendations to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 31, 2006.

Directs the work group to attempt to work cooperatively with the United States army corps of engineers as it carries out its duties under this act. The work group shall attempt to work with the corps of engineers and Washington state's congressional delegation in order to address the risks and impacts from the Columbia river channel improvement project identified under this act and to implement the work group's recommendations.

Expires June 30, 2007.