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1       AN ACT Relating to establishing the Puget Sound corps while  
2 reforming the state's conservation corps programs; amending RCW  
3 43.220.020, 43.220.060, 43.220.070, 43.220.170, 43.220.231, 43.220.250,  
4 43.60A.152, and 79A.05.545; reenacting and amending RCW 43.220.040 and  
5 77.85.130; adding new sections to chapter 43.220 RCW; adding a new  
6 section to chapter 43.30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.12  
7 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 43.220.010, 43.220.030,  
8 43.220.080, 43.220.090, 43.220.120, 43.220.130, 43.220.160, 43.220.180,  
9 43.220.190, 43.220.210, 79A.05.500, 79A.05.505, 79A.05.510, 79A.05.515,  
10 79A.05.520, 79A.05.525, 79A.05.530, 79A.05.535, and 79A.05.540.

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

12       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the  
13 Washington conservation corps, the veterans conservation corps, and  
14 other state and nonprofit service corps contribute significantly to the  
15 priorities of state government to protect natural resources, including  
16 Puget Sound, while providing meaningful work experience for the state's  
17 youth, veterans, unemployed, and under-employed workforces.

18       (2) The legislature further finds that the long-term health of the  
19 economy of Washington depends on the sustainable management of its

1 natural resources and that the livelihoods and revenues produced by  
2 Washington's forests, agricultural lands, estuaries, waterways, and  
3 watersheds would be enhanced by targeted, streamlined, and prioritized  
4 investments in clean water and habitat restoration.

5 (3) The legislature further finds that it is important to stretch  
6 limited public resources to advance the state's natural resource  
7 management priorities. Transformation of natural resource management  
8 and service delivery, including the creation of strategic partnerships  
9 among agencies and nongovernmental partners, will increase the  
10 efficiency and effectiveness of the expenditure of federal, state, and  
11 local funds for clean water and habitat rehabilitation projects.

12 (4) The legislature further finds that there are efficiencies to be  
13 gained by streamlining how the various conservation corps are  
14 administered, managed, funded, and deployed by the natural resources  
15 agencies. There are further efficiencies to be gained through  
16 coordinating the conservation corps with other state service corps  
17 programs, recruitment activities, and through public-private  
18 partnerships.

19 (5) The legislature further finds that the state should seek to  
20 expand the conservation corps in all areas of the state, deploying the  
21 corps to work on projects that advance established priorities  
22 including, but not limited to, the cleanup and rehabilitation of the  
23 Puget Sound ecosystem, oil spill response and cleanup, salmon recovery,  
24 and the reduction of wildfire and forest health hazards statewide.

25 (6) The legislature further finds that individuals with  
26 developmental disabilities would benefit from experiencing a meaningful  
27 work experience, and learning the value of labor and of membership in  
28 a productive society. As such, the legislature urges state agencies  
29 that are participating in the Washington conservation corps program to  
30 consider for enrollment in the program individuals with developmental  
31 disabilities, as defined in RCW 71A.10.020.

32 (7)(a) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to maintain  
33 the conservation corps statewide, to collaborate with the veterans  
34 conservation corps, to establish the Puget Sound corps, to streamline  
35 how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps  
36 to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority  
37 outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health

1 by 2020, to increase opportunities for meaningful work experience, and  
2 to authorize public-private partnerships as a key element of corps  
3 activities.

4 (b) It is also the intent of the legislature to integrate into the  
5 Puget Sound corps the therapeutic and reintegration intent of the  
6 veterans conservation corps for veterans involved in the Puget Sound  
7 corps.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.220.020 and 1999 c 280 s 1 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 (1) The Washington conservation corps is ((hereby)) created((, to  
11 be implemented by)). The ((following state departments: The employment  
12 security department, the)) department of ecology((, the department of  
13 fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the state  
14 parks and recreation commission)) must administer the corps as a  
15 partnership with the departments of natural resources and fish and  
16 wildlife, the state parks and recreation commission, and when  
17 appropriate, other agencies and nonprofit organizations to advance the  
18 program goals outlined in section 5 of this act.

19 (2) The Puget Sound corps is created as a distinct program within  
20 the Washington conservation corps focused on the implementation of the  
21 specific program goals outlined in section 5 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is the intent of this act to centralize  
23 the administration of the Washington conservation corps, which was  
24 previously administered by the departments of ecology, natural  
25 resources, and fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation  
26 commission, into the department of ecology. This act is prospective  
27 only, and any grant awards or conservation corps crew or individual  
28 placements finalized by other agencies or partners prior to the  
29 effective date of this section remain unaffected by this act.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.220.040 and 1999 c 280 s 3 and 1999 c 151 s 1301  
31 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32 ((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,)) The definitions  
33 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
34 clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Public lands" means any lands or waters, or interests therein,  
2 owned or administered by any agency or instrumentality of the state,  
3 federal, or local government.

4 (2) "Corps" means the Washington conservation corps, including the  
5 Puget Sound corps.

6 (3) "Corps member" means an individual enrolled in the Washington  
7 conservation corps.

8 (4) "Corps member leaders" or "specialists" means members of the  
9 corps who serve in leadership or training capacities or who provide  
10 specialized services other than or in addition to the types of work and  
11 services that are performed by the corps members in general.

12 (5) "Crew supervisor" means temporary, project, or permanent state  
13 employees who supervise corps members and coordinate work project  
14 design and completion.

15 (6) (~~("Distressed area" has the meaning as defined in RCW~~  
16 ~~43.168.020.)) "Department" means the department of ecology.~~

17 (7) "Agency administrative costs" means indirect expenses such as  
18 personnel, payroll, contract administration, fiscal services, and other  
19 overhead costs.

20 (8) "Program support costs" include, but are not limited to,  
21 program planning, development of reports, job and career training,  
22 uniforms and equipment, and standard office space and utilities.  
23 Program support costs do not include direct scheduling and supervision  
24 of corps members.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 43.220 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The corps shall be organized and managed to complete projects  
28 with fee-for-service work crews that meet goals associated with the  
29 protection, promotion, enhancement, or rehabilitation of the following:

- 30 (a) Public lands;
- 31 (b) State natural resources;
- 32 (c) Water quality;
- 33 (d) Watershed health;
- 34 (e) Fish and wildlife;
- 35 (f) Habitat;
- 36 (g) Outdoor recreation;
- 37 (h) Forest health;

1 (i) Wildfire risk reduction; and

2 (j) State historic sites.

3 (2) In addition to the project goals outlined in subsection (1) of  
4 this section, the Puget Sound corps shall seek to deploy corps members  
5 with the specific goal of participating in the recovery of the Puget  
6 Sound ecosystem. The resources of the Puget Sound corps must be  
7 prioritized, when practicable, to focus on the following when located  
8 within the Puget Sound basin:

9 (a) Projects identified in, or consistent with, the action agenda  
10 developed by the Puget Sound partnership in chapter 90.71 RCW;

11 (b) Projects located on public lands;

12 (c) Habitat enhancement and rehabilitation projects; and

13 (d) Education and stewardship projects.

14 (3) Both the corps and the Puget Sound corps shall give preference  
15 to projects that satisfy the goals identified in this section and that:

16 (a) Will provide long-term benefits to the public;

17 (b) Will provide productive training and work experiences to the  
18 corps members involved;

19 (c) Expands or integrates training programs or career development  
20 opportunities for corps members;

21 (d) May result in payments to the state for services performed; and

22 (e) Can be promptly completed.

23 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.220.060 and 1999 c 280 s 4 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 (1) (~~Each state department identified in RCW 43.220.020~~) The  
26 department shall have the following powers and duties (~~to carry out~~  
27 ~~its functions relative to~~) as necessary to administer the Washington  
28 conservation corps:

29 (a) Recruiting and employing staff, corps members, corps member  
30 leaders, and specialists consistent with RCW 43.220.070;

31 (b) Serving as the corps' central application recipient for grants  
32 from federal service projects and service organizations;

33 (c) Executing agreements for furnishing the services of the corps  
34 to carry out conservation corps programs to any federal, state, or  
35 local public agency, any local organization as specified in this  
36 chapter (in concern) that operates consistent with the overall  
37 objectives of the conservation corps;

1        ~~((e))~~ (d) Applying for and accepting grants or contributions of  
2 funds from ~~((any private source))~~ the federal government, other public  
3 sources, or private funding sources for conservation corps projects  
4 and, when possible, other projects specifically targeted at Puget Sound  
5 recovery that can be accomplished with fee-for-service labor from the  
6 Puget Sound corps. Application priority must be given to funding  
7 sources only available to state agencies;

8        ~~((d) Determining a preference for those projects which will~~  
9 ~~provide long-term benefits to the public, will provide productive~~  
10 ~~training and work experiences to the members involved, will be labor-~~  
11 ~~intensive, may result in payments to the state for services performed,~~  
12 ~~and can be promptly completed; and~~

13        ~~(e) Entering into agreements with community colleges within the~~  
14 ~~state's community and technical college system and other educational~~  
15 ~~institutions or independent nonprofit agencies to provide special~~  
16 ~~education in basic skills, including reading, writing, and mathematics~~  
17 ~~for those conservation corps members who may benefit by participation~~  
18 ~~in such classes. Classes shall be scheduled after corps working hours.~~  
19 ~~Participation by members is not mandatory but shall be strongly~~  
20 ~~encouraged. The participation shall be a primary factor in determining~~  
21 ~~whether the opportunity for corps membership beyond one year shall be~~  
22 ~~offered. Instruction related to the specific role of the department in~~  
23 ~~resource conservation shall also be offered, either in a classroom~~  
24 ~~setting or as is otherwise appropriate))~~ (e) Establishing consistent  
25 work standards and placement and evaluation procedures of corps  
26 programs; and

27        (f) Selecting, reviewing, approving, and evaluating the success of  
28 corps projects.

29        (2) The department may partner with any other state agencies, local  
30 institutions, nonprofit organizations, or nonprofit service corps  
31 organizations in the administration of the corps. However, when  
32 partnering with the Washington department of veterans affairs,  
33 participation criteria and other administrative decisions affecting  
34 participants in the veterans conservation corps created under chapter  
35 43.60A RCW are to be determined by the Washington department of  
36 veterans affairs. Other state agencies may maintain a coordinator for  
37 the purposes of partnering with the department and the corps.

1       (3) If deemed practicable, the department shall work with the state  
2 board for community and technical colleges created in RCW 28B.50.050 to  
3 align the conservation corps program with optional career pathways for  
4 participants that may provide instruction in basic skills in addition  
5 to the appropriate technical training.

6       (4) The assignment of corps members shall not result in the  
7 displacement of currently employed workers, including partial  
8 displacement such as reduction in hours of nonovertime work, wages, or  
9 other employment benefits. ((Supervising)) Agencies that participate  
10 in the program may not terminate, lay-off, or reduce the working hours  
11 of any employee for the purpose of using a corps member with available  
12 funds. In circumstances where substantial efficiencies or a public  
13 purpose may result, ((supervising)) participating agencies may use  
14 corps members to carry out essential agency work or contractual  
15 functions without displacing current employees.

16       ~~((+3))~~ (5) Facilities, supplies, motor vehicles, instruments, and  
17 tools of ((the-supervising-agency)) participating agencies shall be  
18 made available for use by the conservation corps to the extent that  
19 such use does not conflict with the normal duties of the agency. The  
20 agency may purchase, rent, or otherwise acquire other necessary tools,  
21 facilities, supplies, and instruments.

22       **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.220.070 and 1999 c 280 s 5 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24       (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, conservation  
25 corps members ((shall)) must be unemployed or underemployed residents  
26 of the state between eighteen and twenty-five years of age at the time  
27 of enrollment who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the  
28 United States.

29       (b) The age requirements may be waived for corps leaders ((and)),  
30 veterans, specialists with special leadership or occupational skills((+  
31 such-members-shall-be-given-special-responsibility-for-providing  
32 leadership, — character — development, — and — sense — of — community  
33 responsibility to the corps members, groups, and work crews to which  
34 they are assigned. — The upper age requirement may be waived for  
35 residents who have)), and participants with a sensory or mental  
36 handicap. ((Special-effort-shall-be-made-to-recruit-minority-and  
37 disadvantaged-youth-who-meet-selection-criteria-of-the-conservation



1 ~~corps. Preference shall be given to youths residing in areas, both~~  
2 ~~urban and rural, in which there exists substantial unemployment~~  
3 ~~exceeding the state average unemployment rate.~~

4 ~~(2) The legislature finds that people with developmental~~  
5 ~~disabilities would benefit from experiencing a meaningful work~~  
6 ~~experience, and learning the value of labor and of membership in a~~  
7 ~~productive society.~~

8 ~~The legislature urges state agencies that are participating in the~~  
9 ~~Washington conservation corps program to consider for enrollment in the~~  
10 ~~program people who have developmental disabilities, as defined in RCW~~  
11 ~~71A.10.020.~~

12 ~~If an agency chooses to enroll people with developmental~~  
13 ~~disabilities in its Washington conservation corps program, the agency~~  
14 ~~may apply to the United States department of labor, employment~~  
15 ~~standards administration for a special subminimum wage certificate in~~  
16 ~~order to be allowed to pay enrollees with developmental disabilities~~  
17 ~~according to their individual levels of productivity))~~

18 (2) The recruitment of conservation corps members is the primary  
19 responsibility of the department. However, to the degree practicable,  
20 recruitment activities must be coordinated with the following entities:

21 (a) The department of natural resources;

22 (b) The department of fish and wildlife;

23 (c) The state parks and recreation commission;

24 (d) The Washington department of veterans affairs;

25 (e) The employment security department;

26 (f) Community and technical colleges; and

27 (g) Any other interested postsecondary educational institutions.

28 (3) Recruitment efforts must be targeted to, but not limited to,  
29 residents of the state who meet the participation eligibility  
30 requirements provided in this section and are either:

31 (a) A student enrolled at a community or technical college, private  
32 career college, or a four-year college or university;

33 (b) A minority or disadvantaged youth residing in an urban or rural  
34 area of the state; or

35 (c) Military veterans.

36 ~~((3))~~ (4) Corps members shall not be considered state employees.  
37 Other provisions of law relating to civil service, hours of work, rate  
38 of compensation, sick leave, unemployment compensation, state

1 retirement plans, and vacation leave do not apply to the Washington  
2 conservation corps except for the crew supervisors, who shall be  
3 project employees, and the administrative and supervisory personnel.

4 ~~((4) Enrollment shall be for a period of six months which may be  
5 extended for additional six-month periods by mutual agreement of the  
6 corps and the corps member, not to exceed two years. Corps members  
7 shall be reimbursed at the minimum wage rate established by state or  
8 federal law, whichever is higher, which may be increased by up to five  
9 percent for each additional six-month period worked: PROVIDED, That if  
10 agencies elect to run a residential program, the appropriate costs for  
11 room and board shall be deducted from the corps member's paycheck as  
12 provided in chapter 43.220 RCW.~~

13 ~~(5))~~ (5) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
14 participation as a corps member is for an initial period of three  
15 months. The enrollment period may be extended for additional three-  
16 month periods by mutual agreement of the department and the corps  
17 member, not to exceed two years.

18 (6)(a) Corps members are to be available at all times for emergency  
19 response services coordinated through the department ((of community,  
20 trade, and economic development)) or other public agency. Duties may  
21 include sandbagging and flood cleanup, oil spill response, wildfire  
22 suppression, search and rescue, and other functions in response to  
23 emergencies.

24 (b) Corps members may be assigned to longer-term specialized crews  
25 not subject to the temporal limitations of service otherwise imposed by  
26 this section when longer-term commitments satisfy the specialized needs  
27 of the department, an agency partner, or other service contractee.

28 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.220.170 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 17 are each  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 The services of corps members ~~((placed with agencies listed in RCW  
31 43.220.020))~~ are exempt from unemployment compensation coverage under  
32 RCW 50.44.040~~((5))~~ (4) and the enrollees shall be so advised by the  
33 department.

34 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.220.231 and 1999 c 280 s 7 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 (1) An amount not to exceed five percent of the funds available for

1 the Washington conservation corps may be expended on agency  
2 administrative costs. (~~Agency administrative costs are indirect~~  
3 ~~expenses such as personnel, payroll, contract administration, fiscal~~  
4 ~~services, and other overhead costs.~~)

5 (2) An amount not to exceed twenty percent of the funds available  
6 for the Washington conservation corps may be expended for costs  
7 included in subsection (1) of this section and program support costs.  
8 (~~Program support costs include, but are not limited to, program~~  
9 ~~planning, development of reports, job and career training, uniforms and~~  
10 ~~equipment, and standard office space and utilities. Program support~~  
11 ~~costs do not include direct scheduling and supervision of corps~~  
12 ~~members.~~)

13 (3) A minimum of eighty percent of the funds available for the  
14 Washington conservation corps shall be expended for corps member  
15 salaries and benefits and for direct supervision of corps members.

16 (4) Consistent with any fund source requirements, any state agency  
17 using federal funds to sponsor fee-for-service Washington conservation  
18 corps crews must contract with the Washington department of veterans  
19 affairs for at least five percent of the federal funding to sponsor  
20 veteran conservation corps crews operating under RCW 43.60A.150. This  
21 requirement applies statewide.

22 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.220.250 and 1985 c 230 s 5 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 A nonprofit corporation which contracts with (~~an agency listed in~~  
25 ~~RCW 43.220.020~~) the department to provide a specific service,  
26 appropriate for the administration of this chapter which the (~~agency~~)  
27 department cannot otherwise provide, may be reimbursed at the  
28 discretion of the (~~agency~~) department for the reasonable costs the  
29 (~~agency~~) department would absorb for providing those services.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 43.220  
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1) The director of the department of ecology and the commissioner  
33 of public lands shall jointly host an annual meeting with other corps  
34 program participants to serve as a forum for the partner agencies to  
35 provide guidance and feedback concerning the management and function of  
36 the corps.

1 (2) At a minimum, representatives of the following must be invited  
2 to participate at the annual meeting: The department of fish and  
3 wildlife; the state parks and recreation commission; the Puget Sound  
4 partnership; the department of veterans affairs; the employment  
5 security department; the Washington commission for national and  
6 community service; conservation districts; the state conservation  
7 commission; the salmon recovery funding board; the recreation and  
8 conservation office; the department of commerce; the department of  
9 health; or any similar successor organizations and any appropriate  
10 nonprofit organizations, including those engaged in service corps  
11 projects.

12 (3) Annual meeting participants shall, at a minimum:

13 (a) Review the conservation corps projects completed in the  
14 previous year, including an analysis of successes and opportunities for  
15 improvement; and

16 (b) Establish a work plan for the coming year, including the  
17 setting of annual priorities or criteria consistent with this chapter  
18 to guide crew development and the development of plans to pursue  
19 funding from various sources to expand the conservation corps.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW  
21 under the subchapter heading "Part 5 Powers and Duties--General" to  
22 read as follows:

23 The department shall cooperate, when appropriate, as a partner in  
24 the Washington conservation corps established in chapter 43.220 RCW.

25 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.60A.152 and 2007 c 451 s 5 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 ((+1)) The department shall collaborate with the ((state  
28 ageneies)) department of ecology and the department of natural  
29 resources and any of its partnering agencies in implementing the  
30 Washington conservation corps, created in chapter 43.220 RCW, to  
31 maximize the utilization of both conservation corps programs. These  
32 agencies shall work together to identify stewardship and maintenance  
33 projects on ((agency-managed)) public lands that are suitable for work  
34 by veterans conservation corps enrollees. The department may expend  
35 funds appropriated to the veterans conservation corps program to defray

1 the costs of education, training, and certification associated with the  
2 enrollees participating in such projects.

3 ~~((2) By September 30, 2007, the department, in conjunction with  
4 the state agencies identified in subsection (1) of this section, shall  
5 provide to the office of financial management and to the appropriate  
6 committees of the senate and house of representatives a report that:~~

7 ~~(a) Identifies projects on state agency managed lands that are  
8 currently planned for veterans conservation corps enrollee  
9 participation;~~

10 ~~(b) Identifies additional projects on state agency managed lands  
11 that are suitable for veterans conservation corps enrollee  
12 participation and for which funding is currently in place for such  
13 participation; and~~

14 ~~(c) Identifies additional projects on state agency managed lands  
15 for which project implementation has been funded or is included in the  
16 agency's multiannual stewardship plans, and that are suitable for  
17 veterans conservation corps enrollee participation in the event that  
18 additional funding is provided to the department for associated  
19 training, education, and certification.)~~

20 **Sec. 14.** RCW 79A.05.545 and 1999 c 249 s 701 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 The commission shall cooperate ~~((in implementing and operating  
23 the)), when appropriate, as a partner in the Washington~~ conservation  
24 corps ~~((as required by))~~ established in chapter 43.220 RCW.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 The department shall cooperate, when appropriate, as a partner in  
28 the Washington conservation corps established in chapter 43.220 RCW.

29 **Sec. 16.** RCW 77.85.130 and 2007 c 341 s 36 and 2007 c 257 s 1 are  
30 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

31 (1) The salmon recovery funding board shall develop procedures and  
32 criteria for allocation of funds for salmon habitat projects and salmon  
33 recovery activities on a statewide basis to address the highest  
34 priorities for salmon habitat protection and restoration. To the  
35 extent practicable the board shall adopt an annual allocation of

1 funding. The allocation should address both protection and restoration  
2 of habitat, and should recognize the varying needs in each area of the  
3 state on an equitable basis. The board has the discretion to partially  
4 fund, or to fund in phases, salmon habitat projects. The board may  
5 annually establish a maximum amount of funding available for any  
6 individual project, subject to available funding. No projects required  
7 solely as a mitigation or a condition of permitting are eligible for  
8 funding.

9 (2)(a) In evaluating, ranking, and awarding funds for projects and  
10 activities the board shall give preference to projects that:

11 (i) Are based upon the limiting factors analysis identified under  
12 RCW 77.85.060;

13 (ii) Provide a greater benefit to salmon recovery based upon the  
14 stock status information contained in the department of fish and  
15 wildlife salmonid stock inventory (SASSI), the salmon and steelhead  
16 habitat inventory and assessment project (SSHAP), and any comparable  
17 science-based assessment when available;

18 (iii) Will benefit listed species and other fish species;

19 (iv) Will preserve high quality salmonid habitat;

20 (v) Are included in a regional or watershed-based salmon recovery  
21 plan that accords the project, action, or area a high priority for  
22 funding;

23 (vi) Are, except as provided in RCW 77.85.240, sponsored by an  
24 entity that is a Puget Sound partner, as defined in RCW 90.71.010; and

25 (vii) Are projects referenced in the action agenda developed by the  
26 Puget Sound partnership under RCW 90.71.310.

27 (b) In evaluating, ranking, and awarding funds for projects and  
28 activities the board shall also give consideration to projects that:

29 (i) Are the most cost-effective;

30 (ii) Have the greatest matched or in-kind funding;

31 (iii) Will be implemented by a sponsor with a successful record of  
32 project implementation;

33 (iv) Involve members of the Washington conservation corps  
34 established in chapter 43.220 RCW or the veterans conservation corps  
35 established in RCW 43.60A.150; and

36 (v) Are part of a regionwide list developed by lead entities.

37 (3) The board may reject, but not add, projects from a habitat  
38 project list submitted by a lead entity for funding.

1 (4) The board shall establish criteria for determining when block  
2 grants may be made to a lead entity. The board may provide block  
3 grants to the lead entity to implement habitat project lists developed  
4 under RCW 77.85.050, subject to available funding. The board shall  
5 determine an equitable minimum amount of project funds for each  
6 recovery region, and shall distribute the remainder of funds on a  
7 competitive basis. The board may also provide block grants to the lead  
8 entity or regional recovery organization to assist in carrying out  
9 functions described under this chapter. Block grants must be expended  
10 consistent with the priorities established for the board in subsection  
11 (2) of this section. Lead entities or regional recovery organizations  
12 receiving block grants under this subsection shall provide an annual  
13 report to the board summarizing how funds were expended for activities  
14 consistent with this chapter, including the types of projects funded,  
15 project outcomes, monitoring results, and administrative costs.

16 (5) The board may waive or modify portions of the allocation  
17 procedures and standards adopted under this section in the award of  
18 grants or loans to conform to legislative appropriations directing an  
19 alternative award procedure or when the funds to be awarded are from  
20 federal or other sources requiring other allocation procedures or  
21 standards as a condition of the board's receipt of the funds. The  
22 board shall develop an integrated process to manage the allocation of  
23 funding from federal and state sources to minimize delays in the award  
24 of funding while recognizing the differences in state and legislative  
25 appropriation timing.

26 (6) The board may award a grant or loan for a salmon recovery  
27 project on private or public land when the landowner has a legal  
28 obligation under local, state, or federal law to perform the project,  
29 when expedited action provides a clear benefit to salmon recovery, and  
30 there will be harm to salmon recovery if the project is delayed. For  
31 purposes of this subsection, a legal obligation does not include a  
32 project required solely as a mitigation or a condition of permitting.

33 (7) Property acquired or improved by a project sponsor may be  
34 conveyed to a federal agency if: (a) The agency agrees to comply with  
35 all terms of the grant or loan to which the project sponsor was  
36 obligated; or (b) the board approves: (i) Changes in the terms of the  
37 grant or loan, and the revision or removal of binding deed of right  
38 instruments; and (ii) a memorandum of understanding or similar document

1 ensuring that the facility or property will retain, to the extent  
2 feasible, adequate habitat protections; and (c) the appropriate  
3 legislative authority of the county or city with jurisdiction over the  
4 project area approves the transfer and provides notification to the  
5 board.

6 (8) Any project sponsor receiving funding from the salmon recovery  
7 funding board that is not subject to disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW  
8 must, as a mandatory contractual prerequisite to receiving the funding,  
9 agree to disclose any information in regards to the expenditure of that  
10 funding as if the project sponsor was subject to the requirements of  
11 chapter 42.56 RCW.

12 (9) After January 1, 2010, any project designed to address the  
13 restoration of Puget Sound may be funded under this chapter only if the  
14 project is not in conflict with the action agenda developed by the  
15 Puget Sound partnership under RCW 90.71.310.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
17 each repealed:

18 (1) RCW 43.220.010 (Legislative declaration) and 1983 1st ex.s. c  
19 40 s 2;

20 (2) RCW 43.220.030 (Program goals) and 1999 c 280 s 2, 1987 c 367  
21 s 1, & 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 3;

22 (3) RCW 43.220.080 (Selection of corps members--Development of  
23 corps program) and 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 8;

24 (4) RCW 43.220.090 (Conservation corps established in department of  
25 ecology--Work project areas) and 1994 c 264 s 33 & 1983 1st ex.s. c 40  
26 s 9;

27 (5) RCW 43.220.120 (Conservation corps established in department of  
28 fish and wildlife--Work project areas) and 1999 c 280 s 6, 1994 c 264  
29 s 34, 1988 c 36 s 24, & 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 12;

30 (6) RCW 43.220.130 (Conservation corps established in department of  
31 natural resources--Work project areas) and 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 13;

32 (7) RCW 43.220.160 (Conservation corps established in state parks  
33 and recreation commission--Work project areas) and 1999 c 249 s 702 &  
34 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 16;

35 (8) RCW 43.220.180 (Identification of historic properties and sites  
36 in need of rehabilitation or renovation--Use of corps members) and 1983  
37 1st ex.s. c 40 s 18;



- 1 (9) RCW 43.220.190 (Duties of agencies) and 1999 c 151 s 1302, 1987  
2 c 367 s 3, & 1983 1st ex.s. c 40 s 20;
- 3 (10) RCW 43.220.210 (Selection, review, approval, and evaluation of  
4 projects--Recruitment, job training and placement services) and 1999 c  
5 151 s 1303, 1987 c 367 s 4, & 1985 c 230 s 1;
- 6 (11) RCW 79A.05.500 (Declaration of purpose) and 2000 c 11 s 42,  
7 1969 ex.s. c 96 s 1, & 1965 c 8 s 43.51.500;
- 8 (12) RCW 79A.05.505 (Youth development and conservation division  
9 established--Supervisory personnel) and 1999 c 249 s 1201 & 1965 c 8 s  
10 43.51.510;
- 11 (13) RCW 79A.05.510 (Composition of youth corps--Qualifications,  
12 conditions, period of enrollment, etc) and 1975 c 7 s 1, 1969 ex.s. c  
13 96 s 3, & 1965 c 8 s 43.51.530;
- 14 (14) RCW 79A.05.515 (Compensation--Quarters--Hospital services,  
15 etc) and 1999 c 249 s 1202, 1982 c 70 s 1, 1975 c 7 s 2, & 1965 c 8 s  
16 43.51.540;
- 17 (15) RCW 79A.05.520 (Laws relating to hours, conditions of  
18 employment, civil service, etc., not applicable) and 2000 c 11 s 43 &  
19 1965 c 8 s 43.51.550;
- 20 (16) RCW 79A.05.525 (Expenditures, gifts, government surplus  
21 materials) and 1965 c 8 s 43.51.560;
- 22 (17) RCW 79A.05.530 (Agreements with private persons to enroll  
23 additional people--Commercial activities prohibited--Authorized  
24 closures of area) and 1975 c 7 s 3, 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 s 85, & 1965  
25 c 8 s 43.51.570;
- 26 (18) RCW 79A.05.535 (Agreements with and acceptance of grants from  
27 federal government authorized) and 2000 c 11 s 44 & 1965 ex.s. c 48 s  
28 1; and
- 29 (19) RCW 79A.05.540 (Agreements with and acceptance of grants from  
30 federal government authorized--Length of enrollment and compensation in  
31 accordance with federal standards authorized) and 2000 c 11 s 45 & 1965  
32 ex.s. c 48 s 2.

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