

SSB 5166 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the availability of  
4 amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of  
5 natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife must  
6 collaborate to conduct a survey of the location of surf smelt and  
7 sand lance spawning grounds throughout Puget Sound, including the  
8 Strait of Juan de Fuca. To the extent available, the departments of  
9 natural resources and fish and wildlife must conduct the surveys  
10 using crews of the veterans conservation corps created in RCW  
11 43.60A.150.

12 (2) The results from the survey required under this section must  
13 be used by the department of natural resources and the department of  
14 fish and wildlife to expand knowledge of spawning habitat areas. The  
15 survey results must be made accessible to the public.

16 (3) The survey required under this section must be completed by  
17 June 30, 2017.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
19 appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of fish and  
20 wildlife must conduct a mid-water trawl survey at various depths  
21 throughout Puget Sound to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all  
22 species of forage fish. The department must integrate the results of  
23 the survey into existing Puget Sound ecosystem assessments to assist  
24 the department of fish and wildlife in the management and  
25 conservation of forage fish species and the species that prey upon  
26 them.

27 (2) The department of fish and wildlife must complete the survey  
28 required under this section by June 30, 2017.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature intends for the department  
30 of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to  
31 complete the survey required under section 1 of this act with funds

1 specifically appropriated from the state's capital budget for the  
2 2015-2017 biennium.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires July 1, 2018."

4 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Provides legislative intent for the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to complete the spawning grounds survey with funds specifically appropriated from the state's capital budget for the 2015-2017 biennium and adds an expiration date.

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