

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5166

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FORAGE FISH RESOURCES--MANAGEMENT

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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Yeas 93 Nays 4

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5166** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

FILED

May 7, 2015

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Ranker, and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/25/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to the management of forage fish resources;
2 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

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

1 throughout Puget Sound to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all
2 species of forage fish. The department must integrate the results of
3 the survey into existing Puget Sound ecosystem assessments to assist
4 the department of fish and wildlife in the management and
5 conservation of forage fish species and the species that prey upon
6 them.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature intends for the department
10 of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to
11 complete the survey required under section 1 of this act with funds
12 specifically appropriated from the state's capital budget for the
13 2015-2017 biennium.

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

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