

SB 5166-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Collaborate to conduct a survey of the location of surf smelt and sand lance spawning grounds; and

(2) To the extent available, conduct the surveys using crews of the veterans conservation corps.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a mid-water trawl survey at various depths throughout Puget Sound to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all species of forage fish.

Declares that it is the legislature's intent for the departments to complete the survey of the location of spawning grounds with funds specifically appropriated from the state's capital budget for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Expires July 1, 2018.