AN ACT Relating to eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the marine resources advisory council; amending RCW 43.06.338; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that the marine resources advisory council, first established in 2013, continues to serve an important role in confronting the ongoing threat of ocean acidification in Washington. Through the marine resources advisory council and the work that it supports, Washington is an academic, government, and industry leader in efforts to address the impacts of ocean acidification. It is the intent of the legislature to support the continued critical ocean acidification work of the marine resources advisory council.

Sec. 2. RCW 43.06.338 and 2016 sp.s. c 27 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The Washington marine resources advisory council is created within the office of the governor.

(2) The Washington marine resources advisory council is composed of:
(a) The governor, or the governor's designee, who shall serve as
the chair of the council;

(b) The commissioner of public lands, or the commissioner's
designee;

(c) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the
senate, one from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate;

(d) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
speaker of the house of representatives, one from each of the two
largest caucuses in the house of representatives;

(e) One representative of federally recognized Indian tribes with
reservations lying within or partially within counties bordering the
outer coast, if selected by action of all of the governing bodies of
all federally recognized Indian tribes in such an area;

(f) One representative of federally recognized Indian tribes with
reservations lying within or partially within counties bordering
Puget Sound, if selected by action of all of the governing bodies of
all federally recognized Indian tribes in such an area;

(g) One representative of each of the following sectors, appointed by the governor:
   (i) Commercial fishing;
   (ii) Recreational fishing;
   (iii) Marine recreation and tourism, other than fishing;
   (iv) Coastal shellfish growers;
   (v) Puget Sound shellfish growers;
   (vi) Marine businesses; and
   (vii) Conservation organizations;

(h) The chair of the Washington state conservation commission, or
the chair's designee;

(i) One representative appointed by the largest statewide general
agricultural association;

(j) One representative appointed by the largest statewide
business association;

(k) The chair of the Washington coastal marine advisory council;

(l) The chair of the leadership council of the Puget Sound
partnership;

(m) The director of the department of ecology;

(n) The director of the department of fish and wildlife; and

(o) The chair of the Northwest Straits commission.

(3) The governor shall invite the participation of the following
entities as nonvoting members:
(a) The national oceanic and atmospheric administration; and
(b) Academic institutions conducting scientific research on ocean
acidification.

(4) The governor shall make the appointments of the members under
subsection (2)(g) of this section by September 1, 2013.

(5) Any member appointed by the governor may be removed by the
governor for cause.

(6) A majority of the voting members of the Washington marine
resources advisory council constitute a quorum for the transaction of
business.

(7) The chair of the Washington marine resources advisory council
shall schedule meetings and establish the agenda. The first meeting
of the council must be scheduled by November 1, 2013. The council
shall meet at least twice per calendar year. At each meeting the
council shall afford an opportunity to the public to comment upon
agenda items and other matters relating to the protection and
conservation of the state's ocean resources.

(8) The Washington marine resources advisory council shall have
the following powers and duties:
(a) To maintain a sustainable coordinated focus, including the
involvement of and the collaboration among all levels of government
and nongovernmental entities, the private sector, and citizens by
increasing the state's ability to work to address impacts of ocean
acidification;

(b) To advise and work with the University of Washington and
others to conduct ongoing technical analysis on the effects and
sources of ocean acidification. The recommendations must identify a
range of actions necessary to implement the recommendations and take
into consideration the differences between in-state impacts and
sources and out-of-state impacts and sources;

(c) To deliver recommendations to the governor and appropriate
committees in the Washington state senate and house of
representatives that must include, as necessary, any minority reports
requested by a councilmember;

(d) To seek public and private funding resources necessary, and
the commitment of other resources, for ongoing technical analysis to
support the council's recommendations; and

(e) To assist in conducting public education activities regarding
the impacts of and contributions to ocean acidification and regarding
implementation strategies to support the actions adopted by the legislature.

(9) This section expires June 30, (2022) 2032.

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