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**HOUSE BILL 1226**

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RECREATIONAL LICENSING—SMELT, CRAWFISH, AND CARP

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| Passed by the House March 4, 2024Yeas 56 Nays 41LAURIE JINKINS**Speaker of the House of Representatives**Passed by the Senate February 23, 2024Yeas 49 Nays 0DENNY HECK**President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATEI, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1226** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.BERNARD DEANChief Clerk |
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| JAY INSLEE**Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State** **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Chapman and Fitzgibbon; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

AN ACT Relating to providing for recreational licensing of smelt, crawfish, and carp; amending RCW 77.32.010; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) The legislature finds that as Washington's growing population accesses limited natural resources, there is a need to increase compliance, and provide education, on appropriate gear, seasons, and species take limits.

(2) The legislature further finds that previously unregulated species are under increased recreational harvest. Recreational licensing is an appropriate mechanism to educate the public and preserve opportunity in the future.

(3) The legislature further finds that eulachon, also known as Pacific smelt and Columbia river smelt, are listed as a threatened species under the endangered species act and licensing requirements are needed to provide angler education and allow for better regulation and monitoring to prevent them from becoming endangered.

(4) The legislature also finds that licensing for carp will aid in enforcement of illegal fishing where people fishing for regulated species without a required license have claimed to be fishing for carp, thereby negatively affecting the fisheries of other regulated species.

(5) The legislature further finds that licensing for crawfish will provide the public with education that enables them to distinguish between native and invasive crawfish species, facilitating the removal of invasive crawfish.

**Sec.**  RCW 77.32.010 and 2019 c 290 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or department rule, a recreational license issued by the director is required to hunt, fish, or take wildlife or seaweed. A ((~~recreational fishing or shellfish license is not required for carp, freshwater smelt, and crawfish, and a~~)) hunting license is not required for bullfrogs.

(2) A pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or 79A.80.040 is required to park or operate a motor vehicle on a recreation site or lands, as defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

(3) The commission may, by rule, indicate that a fishing permit issued to a nontribal member by the Colville Tribes shall satisfy the license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on the waters of Lake Rufus Woods and on the north shore of Lake Rufus Woods, and that a Colville Tribes tribal member identification card shall satisfy the license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on all waters of Lake Rufus Woods.

(4) A recreational fishing license is not required to fish for carp in Moses Lake or Vancouver Lake.

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