

HB 1226 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.010 and 2019 c 290 s 3 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or department
28 rule, a recreational license issued by the director is required to
29 hunt, fish, or take wildlife or seaweed. A (~~recreational fishing or~~

1 ~~shellfish license is not required for carp, freshwater smelt, and~~
2 ~~crayfish, and a))~~ hunting license is not required for bullfrogs.

3 (2) A pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or
4 79A.80.040 is required to park or operate a motor vehicle on a
5 recreation site or lands, as defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

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

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

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15 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "carp;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 77.32.010; and
17 creating a new section."

EFFECT: Specifies legislative findings that licensing requirements are needed to provide angler education, better regulation and monitoring, and enforcement of illegal fishing.

Excludes Moses Lake and Vancouver Lake from the requirement to have a recreational fishing license to fish for carp.

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