
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2293

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By House Agriculture and Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Wilcox, Chapman, Kretz, Dent, Barkis, and Barnard)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to studying the effects of avian predation of
2 salmon; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of fish and wildlife
5 shall convene an avian salmon predation work group to: Identify all
6 avian species that contribute to predation of juvenile salmon at a
7 population level; determine whether such species are adversely
8 impacting the recovery of any threatened or endangered salmon
9 species; and identify remedies.

10 (2) The avian salmon predation work group consists of:

11 (a) Five members from federally recognized Indian tribes with
12 treaty fishing rights in Washington waters, invited by the department
13 of fish and wildlife as comanagers;

14 (b) One member each from the department of fish and wildlife; the
15 United States fish and wildlife service; the United States army corps
16 of engineers; the national marine fisheries service, west coast
17 region; the Oregon state department of fish and wildlife; and the
18 Puget Sound partnership;

19 (c) Two members each representing recreational fishers and
20 commercial fishers; and

1 (d) One member each representing a salmon conservation
2 organization and an avian conservation organization.

3 (3) If a member has not been designated for a position set forth
4 in subsection (2) of this section, the work group must still conduct
5 business and report as required in subsection (4) of this section.

6 (4) The work group must report to the department of fish and
7 wildlife and the legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 by June
8 30, 2025.

9 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

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