
HOUSE BILL 2293

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By Representatives Wilcox, Chapman, Kretz, Dent, Barkis, and Barnard

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the effects of avian predation of
2 salmon; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall convene an avian salmon predation work
8 group to: Identify all avian species that contribute to predation of
9 juvenile salmon; determine whether such species are overpopulated,
10 overconsuming, or both; and identify remedies and regulatory
11 restrictions for harvest or abatement to these overpopulated species.

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

13 (a) Five members from federally recognized Indian tribes with
14 treaty fishing rights in Washington waters, invited by the department
15 as comanagers;

16 (b) One member each from the department of wildlife, the United
17 States fish and wildlife service, the United States army corps of
18 engineers, and the national marine fisheries service west coast
19 region; and

20 (c) One member each representing recreational fishers, commercial
21 fishers, and a salmon conservation organization.

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

4 (4) The work group must report annually to the department and the
5 legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 by June 30th.

6 (5) This section expires July 1, 2034.

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