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**SENATE BILL 5854**

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**By** Senators Salomon, Lias, Lovick, and Nguyen

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that as Washington's  
6 growing population accesses limited natural resources, there is a  
7 need to increase compliance, and provide education, on appropriate  
8 gear, seasons, and species take limits. The legislature further finds  
9 that previously unregulated species are under increased recreational  
10 harvest. Recreational licensing is an appropriate mechanism to  
11 educate the public and preserve opportunity in the future.

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

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

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

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

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