

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5306**

Chapter 318, Laws of 2024

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

FISH AND WILDLIFE DISEASE INTERDICTION AND CONTROL CHECK STATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2024

Passed by the Senate February 8, 2024  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 28, 2024  
Yeas 93 Nays 1

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 28, 2024 10:30 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5306** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

**Secretary**

FILED

March 29, 2024

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Short, Van De Wege, Nobles, and Stanford; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/23.

1       AN ACT Relating to authorizing the department of fish and  
2 wildlife to establish disease interdiction and control check  
3 stations; and adding a new chapter to Title 77 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION.       **Sec. 1.**       There are infectious diseases and  
6 infestations that can damage, threaten, and endanger fish, wildlife,  
7 shellfish, and seaweed resources. The department is authorized to  
8 take reasonable, preventative measures to protect Washington's fish,  
9 wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed species from infectious diseases and  
10 infestations.

11       NEW SECTION.       **Sec. 2.**       (1) The department is authorized to  
12 establish disease interdiction and control check stations.

13       (2) The check stations may be signed from roadsides, including  
14 state highways and interstates.

15       (3) Signage must indicate which diseases or infestations are  
16 being investigated, and what fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed  
17 are being checked.

18       (4) The signage must be placed in coordination with the  
19 department of transportation.

20       (5) The check stations must be operated in a safe manner.

1           (6) A person who encounters a disease interdiction and control  
2 check station while transporting fish, wildlife, shellfish, or  
3 seaweed in their possession is requested to stop at the check station  
4 and allow the fish, wildlife, shellfish, or seaweed in their  
5 possession to be inspected and sampled for the diseases or  
6 infestations.

7           NEW SECTION.       **Sec. 3.**       This chapter does not apply to  
8 aquaculture, aquatic farmers, or private sector cultured aquatic  
9 products as those terms are defined in RCW 15.85.020.

10          NEW SECTION.       **Sec. 4.**       Sections 1 through 3 of this act  
11 constitute a new chapter in Title 77 RCW.

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