

HB 2675 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5865.1/26) **882**
By Senator Stanford

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1 On page 1, after line 18, insert the following:

2 "(7) RCW 77.44.010 (Warm water game fish enhancement program—
3 Created) and 1998 c 191 s 39 & 1996 c 222 s 1;

4 (8) RCW 77.44.030 (Freshwater, combination fishing license—
5 Disposition of fee) and 1998 c 191 s 29 & 1996 c 222 s 3;

6 (9) RCW 77.44.040 (Program goals) and 1996 c 222 s 4;

7 (10) RCW 77.44.050 (Warm water game fish account—Created—Use of
8 moneys) and 2025 c 424 s 985, 2020 c 148 s 25, 2009 c 333 s 43, 1999
9 c 235 s 1, & 1996 c 222 s 5;"

10 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
11 internal references accordingly.

12 On page 4, after line 2, insert the following:

13 "**Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.440 and 2025 c 328 s 8 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Enhancement programs receive revenue using a percentage rate
16 applied to the fee of each eligible license and deposited within each
17 dedicated account as follows:

18 (1) (~~Six and eight-tenths percent of all freshwater and~~
19 ~~combination fishing licenses, including temporary combination fishing~~
20 ~~licenses, must be deposited in the warm water game fish account~~
21 ~~created in RCW 77.44.050;~~

22 ~~(2) Twelve))~~ 12.0 percent of all saltwater and combination
23 fishing licenses, including temporary combination fishing licenses,
24 must be deposited in the recreational fisheries enhancement account
25 created in RCW 77.105.150;

26 ~~((3) Two and three-tenths))~~ (2) 2.3 percent of all saltwater,
27 freshwater, and combination fishing licenses, including temporary
28 combination fishing licenses, must be deposited in the regional
29 fisheries enhancement group account created in RCW 77.95.090; and

30 ~~((4) One and eight-tenths))~~ (3) 1.8 percent of all saltwater and
31 combination fishing licenses, including temporary combination fishing

1 licenses, must be deposited in the rockfish research account created
2 in RCW 77.12.702."

3 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
4 internal references accordingly.

5 On page 28, after line 3, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) The department of fish and wildlife
7 must calculate the amount of money contained in the warm water game
8 fish account on July 1, 2026, that is derived from revenue sources
9 described in RCW 77.44.050 and provide this information to the office
10 of financial management. If the office of financial management
11 certifies the amount to be correct, the state treasurer must transfer
12 the amount certified from the warm water game fish account to the
13 fish, wildlife, and conservation account created in RCW 77.12.170(3).

14 (2) This section expires June 30, 2027."

15 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
16 internal references accordingly.

17 On page 28, line 11, after "46.68.175" insert "and 77.32.440"

18 On page 28, line 15, after "72.72.030," insert "77.44.010,
19 77.44.030, 77.44.040, 77.44.050,"

EFFECT: Repeals the statute for the Warm Water Game Fish Account, restructures the revenue distribution from fishing license fees to retain funds to the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account, and provides direction to shift remaining fund balance.

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