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By House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Representatives Orr, King, Springer and Morris)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fishing guides; amending RCW 77.32.211,
2 75.28.010, 75.28.710, and 75.28.780; adding new sections to chapter
3 77.32 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that fishing guides
6 from Oregon and Idaho share the waters of the Columbia and Snake
7 rivers, respectively. Reciprocity allowing recognition of the other
8 states' fishing guide licenses does not currently exist on either
9 river. Both the Idaho and Oregon legislatures enacted legislation
10 during the last legislative session allowing recognition of the
11 Washington license on these rivers only if certain conditions were met.
12 Further, the Oregon legislature increased its guide fees for
13 nonresidents to levels equivalent to Washington's guide fees for
14 nonresidents, representing a substantial increase for Washington guides
15 fishing in Oregon. The legislature intends that standards for fishing
16 guide licenses be developed that allow parity between the three states,
17 encourage reciprocal recognition of licenses, and that facilitate
18 enforcement.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning January 1, 1995, it is unlawful to operate in the
4 state of Washington as a guide for game fish or salmon without a
5 license issued by the director and without current first aid and
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification and a current liability
7 insurance policy.

8 (2) An applicant for a guide license shall pay the required license
9 fee and provide evidence of the following:

10 (a) A current first aid certification issued by the American Red
11 Cross or equivalent;

12 (b) A current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification; and

13 (c) Liability insurance coverage of a minimum of three hundred
14 thousand dollars per claim for bodily injury or property damage caused
15 by the acts of the licensee or the licensee's employees.

16 (3) After January 1, 1995, the department may adopt rules
17 specifying any additional licensing requirements that it determines are
18 necessary.

19 (4) A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The department shall issue a single license document for fishing
23 guides and salmon guides, as defined in RCW 77.32.211 and 75.28.010,
24 respectively. The license shall designate whether the guide is
25 licensed to fish for game fish, salmon, or both. Each license issued
26 shall be effective for the remainder of the calendar year in which it
27 is purchased.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.211 and 1991 sp.s. c 7 s 4 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy for
31 profit. The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars.

32 (2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase, receive,
33 or resell raw furs for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred
34 eighty dollars.

35 (3) A fishing guide license allows the holder to offer or perform
36 the services of a professional guide in the taking of game fish. The

1 fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars for ((a)) both
2 residents and (~~six hundred dollars for a~~) nonresidents.

3 (4) A game farm license allows the holder to operate a game farm to
4 acquire, breed, grow, keep, and sell wildlife under conditions
5 prescribed by the rules adopted pursuant to this title. The fee for
6 this license is seventy-two dollars for the first year and forty-eight
7 dollars for each following year.

8 (5) A game fish stocking permit allows the holder to release game
9 fish into the waters of the state as prescribed by rule of the
10 commission. The fee for this permit is twenty-four dollars.

11 (6) A fishing or field trial permit allows the holder to promote,
12 conduct, hold, or sponsor a fishing or field trial contest in
13 accordance with rules of the commission. The fee for a fishing contest
14 permit is twenty-four dollars. The fee for a field trial contest
15 permit is twenty-four dollars.

16 (7) An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder to
17 purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish
18 harvested by Indian fishermen lawfully exercising fishing rights
19 reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under
20 conditions prescribed by rule of the director. The fee for this
21 license is one hundred eighty dollars.

22 (8) A valid Oregon fishing guide license that is equivalent to a
23 license issued under subsection (3) of this section is valid in the
24 concurrent waters of the Columbia river if the state of Oregon
25 recognizes as valid the equivalent Washington license. A valid Idaho
26 fishing guide license that is equivalent to a license issued under
27 subsection (3) of this section is valid in the concurrent waters of the
28 Snake river if the state of Idaho recognizes as valid the equivalent
29 Washington license. The director may identify by rule which Oregon and
30 Idaho licenses are equivalent.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 75.28.010 and 1993 c 340 s 2 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) Except as otherwise provided by this title, it is unlawful to
34 engage in any of the following activities without a license or permit
35 issued by the director:

36 (a) Commercially fish for or take food fish or shellfish;

37 (b) Deliver food fish or shellfish taken in offshore waters;

1 (c) Operate a charter boat or commercial fishing vessel engaged in
2 a fishery;

3 (d) Engage in processing or wholesaling food fish or shellfish; or

4 (e) Act as a guide for salmon for personal use in freshwater rivers
5 (~~and~~), streams, and lakes, other than that part of the Columbia river
6 below the bridge at Longview and Lake Washington.

7 (2) No person may engage in the activities described in subsection
8 (1) of this section unless the licenses or permits required by this
9 title are in the person's possession, and the person is the named
10 license holder or an alternate operator designated on the license.

11 (3) A valid Oregon license that is equivalent to a license under
12 this title is valid in the concurrent waters of the Columbia river if
13 the state of Oregon recognizes as valid the equivalent Washington
14 license. The director may identify by rule what Oregon licenses are
15 equivalent.

16 (4) No license or permit is required for the production or
17 harvesting of private sector cultured aquatic products as defined in
18 RCW 15.85.020 or for the delivery, processing, or wholesaling of such
19 aquatic products. However, if a means of identifying such products is
20 required by rules adopted under RCW 15.85.060, the exemption from
21 licensing or permit requirements established by this subsection applies
22 only if the aquatic products are identified in conformance with those
23 rules.

24 **Sec. 6.** RCW 75.28.710 and 1993 c 340 s 26 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) It is unlawful to offer or perform the services of a
27 professional salmon guide in the taking of salmon for personal use in
28 freshwater rivers (~~and~~), streams, and lakes, other than in that part
29 of the Columbia river below the bridge at Longview and Lake Washington,
30 without a professional salmon guide license.

31 (2) Only an individual at least sixteen years of age may hold a
32 professional salmon guide license. No individual may hold more than
33 one professional salmon guide license.

34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 75.28.780 and 1993 sp.s. c 17 s 42 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 The director shall issue the personal licenses listed in this
2 section according to the requirements of this title. The licenses and
3 their annual fees are:

4	Personal License	Annual Fee	Governing
5	(RCW 75.50.100 Surcharge)		Section
6	Resident Nonresident		
7	(1) Alternate Operator	\$ 35 \$ 35	RCW 75.28.048
8	(2) Geoduck Diver	\$185 \$295	RCW 75.28.750
9	(3) Salmon Guide	\$130 ((\$630))	RCW 75.28.710
10		<u>\$130</u>	
11		(plus \$20) (plus \$100)	

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1995.

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