
SENATE BILL 6264

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By Senators Sutherland, Oke and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to an interstate compact for restoration of native
2 salmonid fish runs; adding new sections to chapter 75.40 RCW; and
3 providing an effective 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 75.40 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The state of Washington is authorized to enter into an interstate
8 compact with the states of California, Idaho, and Oregon to protect and
9 restore coastal ecosystems of these states to levels that:

10 (1) Prevent the need for listing any native salmonid fish species
11 under the federal endangered species act of 1973, as amended, or under
12 any comparable state legislation; and

13 (2) Sustain natural production of these species at levels that
14 provide substantial environmental, economic, and social benefits.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.40 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The governor, or an employee of the governor designated by the
18 governor, shall coordinate the efforts by the state of Washington to

1 work with the states of California, Idaho, and Oregon to develop
2 regional plans that incorporate local involvement and coordinated
3 restoration activities, strategies, and programs provided under chapter
4 4, Laws of 1993 1st sp. sess., to achieve the goals of a regional
5 interstate compact as set forth under section 1 of this act.

6 (2) In developing regional plans under subsection (1) of this
7 section, the governor shall consult with affected Indian tribes, the
8 department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, and the
9 regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board and agencies of the
10 states of California, Idaho, and Oregon that have corresponding
11 responsibilities in those states and that are responsible for watershed
12 or fisheries management and for other activities pertaining to the
13 goals of the interstate compact as set forth in section 1 of this act.

14 (3) Until such time as the agencies in California, Idaho, Oregon,
15 and Washington present a final proposed interstate compact for
16 enactment by their respective legislative bodies, the governor may
17 establish cooperative agreements with the states of California, Idaho,
18 and Oregon that allow the states to coordinate their individual efforts
19 in developing state programs that further the region-wide goals set
20 forth under section 1 of this act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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