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By Representatives Buck, Thompson, Hymes, Clements, McMorris, Backlund, Pennington, Boldt, Honeyford, Carrell, Sterk and Goldsmith

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1 AN ACT Relating to fisheries closures; adding a new section to
2 chapter 75.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any contracts
7 or agreements relating to fisheries allocation between Stevens' treaty
8 tribes and nontreaty fishers, no commercial or recreational fisheries
9 may be closed unless for conservation purposes. If a closure occurs
10 for conservation purposes, then both treaty and nontreaty fisheries
11 shall be closed on that species.

12 The department shall take all actions necessary to implement and
13 enforce this section. Such actions include obtaining changes,
14 amendments, or alterations in federal district court decrees that
15 limit, impede, or interfere in any way with the department's ability to
16 implement this section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any contracts
2 or agreements relating to fisheries allocation between Stevens' treaty
3 tribes and nontreaty fishers, no commercial or recreational fisheries
4 may be closed unless for conservation purposes. If a closure occurs
5 for conservation purposes, then both treaty and nontreaty fisheries
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11 implement this section.

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