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SENATE BILL 5166

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By Senators Rolfes, Ranker, and Hasegawa

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1 AN ACT Relating to the management of forage fish resources;  
2 amending RCW 77.32.010; and creating new sections.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.010 and 2014 c 48 s 26 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or department  
7 rule, a recreational license issued by the director is required to  
8 hunt, fish, or take wildlife or seaweed. A recreational fishing or  
9 shellfish license is not required for carp(~~(, smelt,)~~) and crawfish,  
10 and a hunting license is not required for bullfrogs.

11 (2) A pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or  
12 79A.80.040 is required to park or operate a motor vehicle on a  
13 recreation site or lands(~~(,)~~) as defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

14 (3) The commission may, by rule, indicate that a fishing permit  
15 issued to a nontribal member by the Colville Tribes shall satisfy the  
16 license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on the waters  
17 of Lake Rufus Woods and on the north shore of Lake Rufus Woods, and  
18 that a Colville Tribes tribal member identification card shall  
19 satisfy the license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on  
20 all waters of Lake Rufus Woods.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The departments of natural resources and  
2 fish and wildlife must collaborate to conduct a survey of the  
3 location of surf smelt and sand lance spawning grounds throughout  
4 Puget Sound, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca. To the extent  
5 available, the departments of natural resources and fish and wildlife  
6 must conduct the surveys using crews of the veterans conservation  
7 corps created under RCW 43.60A.150. Results from this survey must be  
8 used by the departments of natural resources and fish and wildlife to  
9 expand knowledge of spawning habitat areas. The survey results must  
10 be made accessible to the public.

11        The habitat survey must be completed by June 30, 2017.

12        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The department of fish and wildlife must  
13 conduct a mid-water trawl survey at various depths throughout Puget  
14 Sound to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all species of forage  
15 fish. The department must integrate the results of the survey into  
16 existing Puget Sound ecosystem assessments to assist the department  
17 of fish and wildlife in the management and conservation of forage  
18 fish species and the species that prey upon them.

19        The department of fish and wildlife must complete the survey by  
20 June 30, 2017.

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