

1 **SSB 5666** - H COMM AMDS

2 By Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

3 On page 2, line 1, after "action" strike "under RCW 75.08.012  
4 and 77.12.240"

5 On page 2, beginning on line 3, strike section 2.

6 Renumber sections consecutively and correct internal  
7 references accordingly.

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10 On page 3, beginning on line 1, strike the remainder of the  
11 act and insert:

12 "(3) Where the department of wildlife or the department of  
13 fisheries has determined that marine mammals are preventing the  
14 achievement of escapement goals for identified anadromous fish  
15 runs, the department of wildlife shall pursue all available options  
16 in order to gain authority from the National Marine Fisheries  
17 Service to take marine mammals. Taking shall include harassing,  
18 hunting, capturing, or killing marine mammals, or attempting any of  
19 these actions. The department of wildlife shall make every effort

1 within its authority to control these marine mammals so that  
2 escapement goals can be reached.

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of fisheries shall  
4 support the department of wildlife in its efforts under this act to  
5 gain authority from the National Marine Fisheries Service to  
6 control marine mammals."

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9 On page 1, strike line 2 of the title and insert "77.12.240;  
10 and creating new sections."

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the Department of Fisheries pursue all available options to gain authority from the National Marine Fisheries Service to take marine mammals, and instead requires the Department of Fisheries to support the Department of Wildlife in its efforts to gain authority to take marine mammals. Replaces the requirement that the Department of Wildlife pursue all available options for lethal removal with a requirement that the Department pursue all available options for taking, which includes harassment, hunting, capture, or killing. Constrains the required actions by the Department of Wildlife to situations in which escapement goals for anadromous fish are not being met due to marine mammal predation.