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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that the plant
8 resources of marine aquatic ecosystems have inherent value and provide
9 essential habitat. These resources are also becoming increasingly
10 valuable as economic commodities and may be declining. The legislature
11 further finds that the regulation of harvest of these resources is
12 currently inadequate to afford necessary protection."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires
14 otherwise, the definition in this section applies throughout this
15 chapter.

16 "Marine aquatic plants" means marine plant species that are
17 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
18 either an attached or free-floating state. Marine aquatic plants
19 include seaweed of the classes Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta, and
20 Rhodophyta."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The maximum daily wet weight harvest or
22 possession of seaweed for personal use from all private and state
23 tidelands and state bedlands is ten pounds per person, provided that
24 the department of fisheries may set lower limits for individual species
25 for conservation purposes."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A violation of section 3 of this act is
2 a misdemeanor. All law enforcement officers, including fisheries
3 patrol officers, may enforce this chapter."

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 3 of this act shall in no way
5 affect the ability of any state agency to prevent all harvest of marine
6 aquatic plants from lands under its control, ownership, or management.
7 Sections 3 through 6 of this act do not apply to commercial harvest of
8 marine aquatic plants."

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department of fisheries, the
10 department of natural resources, and the state parks and recreation
11 commission shall explore the possibility of private funding sources for
12 marine aquatic plant research, in order to find out more about the
13 resource."

14 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Unless the context clearly requires
15 otherwise, the definition in this section applies throughout this
16 chapter.

17 "Marine aquatic plants" means marine plant species that are
18 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
19 either an attached or free-floating state. Marine aquatic plants
20 include seaweed of the classes Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta, and
21 Rhodophyta."

22 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The maximum daily wet weight harvest or
23 possession of seaweed for personal use from all private and state
24 tidelands and state bedlands is ten pounds per person."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A violation of section 8 of this act is
2 a misdemeanor. All law enforcement officers, including fisheries
3 patrol officers, may enforce this chapter."

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 8 of this act shall in no way
5 affect the ability of any state agency to prevent all harvest of marine
6 aquatic plants from lands under its control, ownership, or management.
7 Sections 8 through 11 of this act do not apply to commercial harvest of
8 marine aquatic plants."

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The department of fisheries, the
10 department of natural resources, and the state parks and recreation
11 commission shall explore the possibility of private funding sources for
12 marine aquatic plant research, in order to find out more about the
13 resource."

14 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are
15 each added to chapter 75.08 RCW."

16 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Sections 7 through 11 of this act are
17 each added to chapter 79.01 RCW."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "seaweed;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 75.08
23 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 79.01 RCW; creating a new section;
24 and prescribing penalties."