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By Representatives King, Chappell, Basich, Orr, Fuhrman, Flemming,  
Springer and Wood

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Wildlife.

1 AN ACT Relating to leasing beds of tidal waters; and amending RCW  
2 79.96.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.96.010 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 21 s 134 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The beds of all navigable tidal waters in the state lying below  
7 extreme low tide, except as prohibited by section 1, Article XV, of the  
8 Washington state Constitution shall be subject to lease for the  
9 purposes of planting and cultivating oyster beds, or for the purpose of  
10 cultivating clams or other edible shellfish, or for other aquaculture  
11 use, for periods not to exceed (~~ten~~) thirty years.

12 Where the lands are used for the cultivation and harvesting of  
13 oysters, the parcels leased shall not exceed forty acres.

14 Where the lands are used for the cultivation and harvesting of  
15 clams or other aquaculture use, the department of natural resources  
16 may, in its discretion, grant leases for larger parcels.

1        Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from leasing more  
2 than one parcel, as offered by the department.

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