
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1017

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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Sehlin, Anderson, Koster, Quall, Huff, L. Thomas and Dunn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to exchanges of state-owned aquatic lands with
2 privately owned lands under the public interest standard; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.300 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department of
7 fish and wildlife manages a large amount of public land and that the
8 department may have opportunities to improve the quality of its land
9 holdings by participating in an exchange with private landowners or
10 other public entities. The legislature declares that it is in the
11 public interest to allow the department to exchange land with private
12 landowners or with public entities if the exchange would provide
13 significant fish and wildlife habitat or public access to the state's
14 waterways.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Ownership of the following lands is
16 withdrawn from the department of natural resources and transferred to
17 the department of fish and wildlife: That portion of the unplatted
18 first class tidelands of Stanwood lying in front of and abutting

1 Government Lot 2, Section 24, Township 32 North Range 3 East, W.M.,
2 Snohomish county. The department of fish and wildlife has full
3 responsibility for management and control of the tidelands transferred
4 by this section.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "W.M." means Willamette
6 Meridian.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.300 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The department of fish and wildlife may exchange the tidelands
10 and shorelands it manages with private or public landowners if the
11 exchange is in the public interest.

12 (2) As used in this section, an exchange of tidelands and
13 shorelands is in the public interest if the exchange would provide
14 significant fish and wildlife habitat or public access to the state's
15 waterways.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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