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By Representatives McMorris, Sump, Koster, Chandler, Mastin, Mulliken and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to the fish and wildlife commission; amending RCW  
2 77.04.030; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.030 and 1994 c 264 s 52 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered voters  
7 of the state. In January of each odd-numbered year, the governor shall  
8 appoint with the advice and consent of the senate two registered voters  
9 to the commission to serve for terms of six years from that January or  
10 until their successors are appointed and qualified. If a vacancy  
11 occurs on the commission prior to the expiration of a term, the  
12 governor shall appoint a registered voter within sixty days to complete  
13 the term. Three members shall be residents of that portion of the  
14 state lying east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three  
15 shall be residents of that portion of the state lying west of the  
16 summit of the Cascade mountains. Three additional members shall be  
17 appointed at-large effective July 1, 1993; one of whom shall serve a  
18 one and one-half year term to end December 31, 1994; one of whom shall  
19 serve a three and one-half year term to end December 31, 1996; and one

1 of whom shall serve a five and one-half year term to end December 31,  
2 1998. Thereafter all members are to serve a six-year term. No two  
3 members may be residents of the same county. The legal office of the  
4 commission is at the administrative office of the department in  
5 Olympia.

6 When making appointments to the at-large positions, the governor  
7 shall appoint to at least two of those positions persons who are  
8 farmers and who have knowledge and an understanding of the relationship  
9 between fish and wildlife populations and production of agricultural  
10 commodities.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Upon the expiration of the terms or the  
12 vacancies of the first two at-large member positions of the fish and  
13 wildlife commission, the governor must appoint two people who are  
14 farmers to the at-large positions of the fish and wildlife commission  
15 in order to comply with RCW 77.04.030.

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