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By Senators Rossi, Anderson, Hargrove, Swecker, Haugen, Heavey, Morton, Stevens and Strannigan

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1 AN ACT Relating to steelhead trout management plans; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The fish and wildlife commission shall conduct open public meetings
7 on the development of steelhead trout management plans for the purpose
8 of informing the public about allocation of the resource. The meetings
9 are open to the public and are held prior to the negotiation process
10 with the treaty tribes. The commission shall allow the public an ample
11 opportunity to participate in the public process and to review
12 management options that are being evaluated by the department staff.
13 The public is allowed an opportunity to comment upon each management
14 option on a stream-by-stream or run-by-run basis for every stream and
15 steelhead trout run in the state.

16 The public process for steelhead trout management planning is held
17 annually in the fall of the year beginning in 1997 and each year
18 thereafter. The commission's approved steelhead management plan must
19 be made available to the public prior to negotiations with the treaty

1 tribes. The final steelhead management plan as approved by the tribes
2 and the commission must be available to the public on or before
3 December 1st of each year.

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