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By Senators Patterson, Benton, T. Sheldon, Winsley, Brown, Kline, Goings, Wood, Kohl, Hale, B. Sheldon, Bauer and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to fishing license fees for low-income seniors; and  
2 amending RCW 75.25.091.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.25.091 and 1994 c 255 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A personal use food fish license is required for all persons  
7 other than residents under fifteen years of age to fish for, take, or  
8 possess food fish for personal use from state waters or offshore  
9 waters. A personal use food fish license is not required under this  
10 section to fish for, take, or possess carp, smelt, or albacore.

11 (2) The fees for annual personal use food fish licenses include the  
12 one dollar regional fisheries enhancement surcharge imposed in RCW  
13 75.50.100 and are as follows:

14 (a) For a resident fifteen years of age or older and under seventy  
15 years of age, eight dollars;

16 (b) For a resident seventy years of age or older, three dollars;  
17 and

18 (c) For a resident sixty-five years of age or older who has an  
19 income that would qualify the person for a property tax exemption

1 pursuant to RCW 84.36.381, three dollars. The financial eligibility  
2 requirements of this subsection (2)(c) shall apply regardless of  
3 whether the applicant owns taxable property. Each person who wishes to  
4 qualify under this subsection (2)(c) must apply directly to the  
5 department so that financial eligibility can be verified; and

6 (d) For a nonresident, twenty dollars.

7 (3) The fee for a three-consecutive-day personal use food fish  
8 license is five dollars, and includes the one-dollar regional fishery  
9 enhancement group surcharge imposed in RCW 75.50.100.

10 (4) An annual personal use food fish license is valid for a maximum  
11 catch of fifteen salmon, after which another annual personal use food  
12 fish license may be purchased.

13 (5) An annual personal use food fish license is valid for an annual  
14 maximum catch of fifteen sturgeon. No person may take more than  
15 fifteen sturgeon in any calendar year.

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