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3 On page 1, after the enacting clause, insert the following:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 to  
5 read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that it is important to monitor the overall  
7 health of the salmon resource to determine if recovery efforts are  
8 providing expected returns. It is also important to monitor the  
9 effectiveness of the state's overall salmon recovery efforts to secure  
10 federal acceptance of the state's approach to salmon recovery. In  
11 addition, it is important to monitor salmon restoration projects to  
12 determine their effectiveness. Adaptive management cannot exist  
13 without monitoring. For these reasons, the legislature believes that  
14 a coordinated and integrated monitoring process should be developed in  
15 the salmon recovery office for use by local recovery efforts. The role  
16 of the salmon recovery office should be to develop and provide to  
17 entities involved in salmon recovery data quality objectives, a range  
18 of acceptable parameters to monitor, acceptable data formats, data  
19 calibration and coordination, a method of storing and retrieving data,  
20 and analysis and interpretation of data. The role of local recovery  
21 efforts should be to collect monitoring data in compliance with the  
22 recommended data quality objectives, parameters, and formats, and to  
23 provide such data to the state salmon recovery office for storage.-

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, and correct internal  
25 references accordingly, and correct the title.

26 On page 3, after line 29, insert the following:

27 (5) The independent science panel, in conjunction with the salmon  
28 recovery office, shall recommend standardized monitoring indicators and  
29 data quality guidelines for use by entities involved in salmon recovery  
30 activities across the state. The panel shall also recommend electronic  
31 formats that will allow data to be provided to the state salmon  
32 recovery office for storage and to be shared across the state in a  
33 salmon monitoring network.

1 (5) State salmon monitoring data provided by lead entities,  
2 regional fisheries enhancement groups, and others, shall be included in  
3 the salmon and steelhead inventory and assessment project.

4 (6) The independent science panel, in conjunction with the salmon  
5 recovery office, shall also recommend criteria for the systematic and  
6 periodic evaluation of monitoring data in order for the state to be  
7 able to answer critical questions about the effectiveness of the  
8 state's salmon recovery efforts.

9 (7) The recommendations on monitoring as required in this section  
10 shall be provided in a report to the governor and to the legislature by  
11 the independent science panel, in conjunction with the salmon recovery  
12 office, no later than December 31, 2000. The report shall also include  
13 recommendations on the level of effort needed to sustain monitoring of  
14 salmon projects and other recovery efforts, and any other  
15 recommendations on monitoring deemed important by the independent  
16 science panel, in conjunction with the salmon recovery office.-

17 Renumber the remaining subsection consecutively and correct internal  
18 references accordingly.

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**Effect:** Provides state consistency for monitoring data related to salmon recovery. Requires the independent science panel in the salmon recovery office to develop standard monitoring indicators and data quality guidelines for use by local salmon recovery groups. Requires monitoring data from around the state to be compatible and to be stored in a central location. The science panel also recommends evaluation criteria so that the state can interpret the data.