

2 **SB 5613** - S AMD - 181

3 By Senators Honeyford and Jacobsen

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5 On page 4, after line 18, insert the following

6 "**Sec. 4.** RCW 75.46.080 and 1998 c 246 s 9 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Representatives from the conservation commission, the
9 department of transportation, and the department of fish and wildlife
10 shall establish an interagency review team. Except as provided in
11 subsection (6) of this section, habitat restoration project lists shall
12 be submitted to the interagency review team by January 1st and July 1st
13 of each year beginning in 1999.

14 (2) If no lead entity has been formed under RCW 75.46.060, the
15 interagency review team shall rank, prioritize, and dispense funds for
16 habitat restoration projects by giving preference to the projects that:

17 (a) Provide a greater benefit to salmon recovery;

18 (b) Will be implemented in a more critical area;

19 (c) Are the most cost-effective;

20 (d) Have the greatest matched, or in-kind funding; and

21 (e) Will be implemented by a sponsor with a successful record of
22 project implementation.

23 (3) If a lead entity established under RCW 75.46.060 has been
24 formed, the interagency review team shall evaluate project lists and
25 may remove, but not add, projects from a habitat project list.

26 (4) The interagency review team shall provide a summary of funding
27 for habitat restoration project lists to the governor and to the
28 legislature by December 1st of each year.

29 (5) The interagency review team may annually establish a maximum
30 amount of funding available for any individual project, subject to
31 available funding. The interagency review team shall attempt to assure
32 a geographical balance in assigning priorities to projects.

33 (6) For fiscal year 1998, the department of fish and wildlife, the
34 conservation commission, and the department of transportation may
35 authorize, subject to appropriations, expenditures for projects that
36 have been developed to restore salmon habitat before completion of the
37 project lists required in RCW 75.46.060(2).

1 (7) Where a lead entity has been established pursuant to RCW
2 75.46.060, the interagency review team may provide block grants to the
3 lead entity, subject to available funding.

4 (8) Prior to finalizing funding decisions under the provisions of
5 this section, the interagency review team shall consult with interests
6 representing irrigated and non-irrigated agriculture, sport and
7 commercial fishing interests, large and small scale timber interests,
8 conservation districts, and county and city governmental interests."

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EFFECT: Requires the interagency review team to consult with interest groups prior to making fish project funding decisions.