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Resources.

1 AN ACT Relating to department of fish and wildlife negotiations;
2 adding a new section to chapter 75.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The department of fish and wildlife is mandated by RCW
6 75.08.012 to promote, enhance, and improve recreational and commercial
7 fishing in this state;

8 (2) This mandate applies to all biological aquatic resources
9 whether fish, shellfish, or other forms of harvestable aquatic life;

10 (3) This mandate requires the consideration and representation of
11 all those who might wish to harvest biological aquatic resources,
12 including nontreaty, non-Indian fishers and harvesters; and

13 (4) The department has failed to adequately represent the interests
14 of nontreaty, non-Indian fishers and harvesters when the department has
15 dealt with treaty Indian fishers and harvesters.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.08 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 Whenever the department of fish and wildlife engages in any sort of
2 negotiation or agreement with treaty Indian fishers or harvesters, the
3 department of fish and wildlife shall include, to serve as an observer
4 only, a representative of nontreaty, non-Indian fishers or harvesters
5 from each user group potentially affected by the agreement or
6 negotiation, on a case-by-case basis, for each biological aquatic
7 resource involved with a harvest agreement or negotiation.

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