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Sponsor(s): Senator Snyder

Brief Description: Incorporating the growth management act and the shoreline management act in the effort to protect and preserve endangered species.

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Directs the department to suspend the revision of all shoreline management act master programs until such time as federal threatened or endangered salmon recovery plans are finalized for each evolutionarily significant unit. Only upon completion and approval of a federal specie recovery plan shall the department incorporate those findings into a new shoreline master program for the geographic area covered by federal threatened or endangered listing.

Directs the department to submit each draft shoreline master plan to the independent science panel authorized under RCW 75.46.050 for purposes of review, comment, and approval. The department shall not adopt a shoreline master plan unless the independent science panel has approved it in its entirety. The independent science panel must certify that the plan is the best scientific methodology that will lead to specie recovery.

Requires that, by January 1, 2002, the department of community, trade, and economic development must provide to the legislature recommendations on how to compensate landowners for restrictions on land use incurred due to the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW, and the shoreline management act, chapter 90.58 RCW.

Provides that, until such time as criteria and a full compensation plan have been approved by the legislature, state and local governments may not require any change in shoreline land use that is in effect as of January 1, 1999. The designation of lands to be stream buffers under chapter 36.70A RCW, and the shoreline management act, chapter 90.58 RCW, may not take effect until full compensation is enacted into law by the legislature.

Declares that counties and cities have the sole authority to define the application of best available science and adaptive management principles to the policies, ordinances, and administrative procedures used to implement chapter 90.58 RCW.