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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife equipment; adding a new
2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.95
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that equipment funds
6 have been statutorily authorized and successfully implemented for the
7 department of natural resources, the department of transportation,
8 cities, and counties. The legislature recognizes that a recent
9 management review of the department of fish and wildlife recommended
10 the establishment of a fleet management system for the department in
11 order to capture the total cost of individual vehicle operation,
12 provide appropriate chargebacks to program users, and alert managers
13 when a vehicle became too costly to maintain. The legislature finds
14 that the establishment of an equipment fund by the department of fish
15 and wildlife for the maintenance and replacement of equipment,
16 including vehicles, will allow the department to increase the
17 efficiency of its operations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A revolving fund to be known as the fish and wildlife equipment
4 fund is created in the custody of the state treasurer, to be expended
5 by the department without appropriation for salaries, wages, and
6 operations required for the purchase, repair, replacement, and
7 operation of equipment for the purposes authorized in this section.
8 The equipment may be used for the administration, maintenance, and
9 construction of fish and wildlife lands and facilities; administration,
10 maintenance, and construction of lands under department control;
11 administration, maintenance, and construction of projects that will
12 enhance fish and wildlife, including but not limited to volunteer
13 cooperative projects, regional fisheries enhancement group projects,
14 and salmon recovery projects; and administration, biological
15 assessment, and enforcement necessary to carry out the duties under
16 this title and rules of the commission and director. The department
17 may purchase and sell equipment, materials, and supplies by use of the
18 fund, subject to any laws governing the purchase and sale of property.

19 All existing and hereafter-acquired equipment of the department
20 shall be deemed to have been purchased from the fish and wildlife
21 equipment fund. The department may, from time to time, transfer
22 equipment purchased with appropriations from the general fund to the
23 fish and wildlife equipment fund with or without charging the fish and
24 wildlife equipment fund.

25 Equipment may be provided to any federal, state, county, or city
26 political subdivision or governmental agency, volunteer cooperatives,
27 regional fisheries enhancement groups, and entities engaged in salmon
28 recovery. The department may collect a reasonable charge for providing
29 the equipment. The terms and charges for such rentals shall be solely
30 within the discretion of the department, and the determination of the
31 terms and charges shall be considered reasonable. Any entity renting
32 equipment shall make payment for such rental charges directly to the
33 fish and wildlife equipment fund and the office of the department in
34 Olympia. The fish and wildlife equipment fund shall be credited with
35 the proceeds received from the payment of the rental charges.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.95 RCW
37 to read as follows:

1 Existing and hereafter acquired equipment and materials purchased
2 by regional fisheries enhancement groups with funding from the regional
3 fisheries enhancement group account established under RCW 77.95.090 or
4 the regional fisheries enhancement salmonid recovery account
5 established under RCW 77.95.130, shall be considered the property of
6 the regional fisheries enhancement group making the purchase when the
7 cost of the equipment or materials is less than five thousand dollars.
8 No chargeback shall be made on these equipment and materials to the
9 fish and wildlife equipment fund established in section 2 of this act.
10 The regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board and the
11 department shall develop guidelines for implementing this section.

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