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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to the
2 fish and wildlife commission composed of disabled individuals; adding
3 a new section to chapter 77.04 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission must appoint an advisory committee to generally
8 represent the interests of disabled hunters and fishers on matters
9 including, but not limited to, special hunts, modified sporting
10 equipment, access to public land, and hunting and fishing
11 opportunities. The advisory committee is composed of five members,
12 each member being a person with a disability. Two members of the
13 advisory committee must be residents of that portion of the state lying
14 east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and two must be residents
15 of that portion of the state lying west of the summit of the Cascade
16 mountains. One additional member must be appointed at large. The
17 chair of the advisory committee must be a member of the advisory
18 committee and be selected by the members of the advisory committee.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section, a person with a disability
2 includes but is not limited to:

3 (a) A permanently disabled person who is not ambulatory over
4 natural terrain without a prosthesis or assistive device;

5 (b) A permanently disabled person who is unable to hold or use any
6 legal fishing or shell fishing device;

7 (c) A permanently disabled person who is unable to hold or shoot a
8 firearm or other legal hunting device in a conventionally acceptable
9 manner;

10 (d) A person who is totally blind or visually impaired; or

11 (e) A permanently disabled person with upper or lower extremity
12 impairments who has lost the use of one or both upper or lower
13 extremities.

14 (3) The members of the advisory committee are appointed for a four-
15 year term. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee prior to the
16 expiration of a term, the commission must appoint a replacement within
17 sixty days to complete the term.

18 (4) The advisory committee must meet at least semi-annually, and
19 may meet at other times as requested by a majority of the advisory
20 committee members for any express purpose that directly relates to the
21 duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section. A majority of
22 members currently serving on the advisory committee constitutes a
23 quorum. The department must provide two staff support persons for all
24 official advisory committee meetings.

25 (5) Members of the advisory committee serve without compensation,
26 but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in RCW
27 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 (6) The members of the advisory committee, or individuals acting on
29 their behalf, are immune from civil liability for official acts
30 performed in the course of their duties.

31 (7) The advisory committee created in this section constitutes a
32 pilot program. By December 1, 2004, the commission must present a
33 report to the appropriate legislative committees detailing the
34 effectiveness of the advisory committee, including but not limited to
35 the participation levels, general interest, quality of advice, and
36 recommendations as to the advisory committee's continuance or
37 modification.

1 (8) This section expires July 1, 2005.

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