
SENATE BILL 6011

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By Senators Jacobsen and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting regional coordination of salmon
2 recovery planning; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the building
5 blocks of the state's salmon recovery strategy are the locally
6 developed and implemented salmon recovery plans and activities. Such
7 watershed and regional efforts as the lower Columbia fish recovery
8 board, upper Columbia salmon recovery region, Puget Sound tri-county
9 assembly, Puget Sound shared strategy, Skagit watershed council,
10 Chehalis basin partnership, Hood Canal coordinating council, Snake
11 river conservation district, and numerous other salmon recovery and
12 water resources planning entities bring a depth of local experience,
13 expertise, and resources into salmon recovery. Each of these watershed
14 and regional entities is different and unique, but they have in common
15 a shared objective of recovering salmon populations that occur
16 throughout large regions of the state. For the most effective state
17 recovery strategy, incentives for coordination throughout salmon
18 recovery regions are needed.

1 (2) Therefore, it is the purpose of this act to encourage the
2 coordination of watershed and regional level efforts addressing salmon
3 recovery-related activities through the creation of regional entities
4 that encompass state salmon recovery regions. Incentives for watershed
5 and regional coordination will be provided through state funding and
6 technical assistance that is in addition to existing state assistance
7 for watershed level planning and projects. The funding and technical
8 assistance will be targeted to those regional efforts organized to
9 coordinate salmon conservation strategies, plans, and projects across
10 individual watersheds; promote prioritization of proposed funding for
11 projects and other recovery activities among these watersheds; and
12 develop region-wide salmon conservation and recovery plans for
13 acceptance by federal agencies administering the endangered species
14 act.

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