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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5215**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

**2003 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to imposing a surcharge on the personal use  
2 shellfish license fee to fund the Olympic region harmful algal bloom  
3 program; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; and creating new  
4 sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that natural, commonly  
7 occurring harmful algal blooms on the Washington coast cause the  
8 temporary contamination of shellfish and require the temporary  
9 cessation of recreational and commercial shellfishing activities. The  
10 legislature further finds it is in the interest of state agencies,  
11 coastal native tribes, marine resource-based businesses, and local  
12 communities to develop and implement a monitoring program to predict  
13 the occurrence of these harmful algal blooms.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the department  
17 shall include a surcharge to fund monitoring by the Olympic region  
18 harmful algal bloom program of the Olympic natural resources center at

1 the University of Washington. A surcharge of one dollar applies to the  
2 resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed licenses as authorized  
3 by RCW 77.32.520(2) (a) and (b). Amounts collected from this surcharge  
4 shall be deposited in the general fund--local account managed by the  
5 University of Washington.

6 The University of Washington shall transfer from the general  
7 fund--local account to the general fund amounts collected from the  
8 surcharge that exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars per year.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The surcharge imposed in this act shall be  
10 implemented in the department of fish and wildlife's license fee  
11 structure for the license year beginning April 1, 2004.

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