
SENATE BILL 5215

State of Washington

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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). Amounts collected from this surcharge shall be
4 deposited in the general fund--local account managed by the University
5 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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