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By Senators Haugen, Swecker, Doumit, Rasmussen, Hargrove, Stevens and Spanel

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1 AN ACT Relating to the director of the department of fish and
2 wildlife; and amending RCW 43.17.020 and 77.04.013.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
7 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the
8 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the
9 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the
10 secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the
11 director of general administration, (9) the director of community,
12 trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs,
13 (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems,
14 (13) the secretary of corrections, (~~and~~) (14) the secretary of
15 health, and (15) the director of financial institutions.

16 Such officers, except the secretary of transportation (~~and the~~
17 ~~director of fish and wildlife~~)), shall be appointed by the governor,
18 with the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the
19 governor. The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the

1 transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041. ((The
2 director of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and
3 wildlife commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.))

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.04.013 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature supports the recommendations of the state fish and
7 wildlife commission with regard to the commission's responsibilities in
8 the merged department of fish and wildlife. It is the intent of the
9 legislature that, beginning July 1, 1996, the commission assume
10 regulatory authority for food fish and shellfish in addition to its
11 existing authority for game fish and wildlife. It is also the intent
12 of the legislature to provide to the commission the authority to review
13 and approve department agreements, to review and approve the
14 department's budget proposals, to adopt rules for the department, and
15 to select commission staff ((and the director of the department)).

16 The legislature finds that all fish, shellfish, and wildlife
17 species should be managed under a single comprehensive set of goals,
18 policies, and objectives, and that the decision-making authority should
19 rest with the fish and wildlife commission. The commission acts in an
20 open and deliberative process that encourages public involvement and
21 increases public confidence in department decision making.

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