

1239-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cooper, Sump, Dunshee,
Kenney, Veloria, Haigh, Berkey, Lantz and Rockefeller)

Brief Description: Concerning the commercial harvest of geoduck
clams. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating a geoduck management
task force.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/03)

Creates a legislative task force to study and make
recommendations regarding geoduck management and harvest rules.

Provides that, by December 1, 2003, the task force established
in this act must report to the legislature with recommendations
concerning the following issues: (1) Improvements for the
coordinated management of the geoduck resource;

(2) The costs and benefits of implementing a limited entry
geoduck diver license;

(3) Improvements for compliance and enforcement with geoduck
harvest rules on state and nonstate-owned lands;

(4) Improvements to state rules for geoduck harvesting; and

(5) The state's potential role in aquaculture and reseedling of
geoduck clams.

Expires January 1, 2004.