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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hatfield, Pearson, Blake and Sump; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Brief Description: Allowing the department of fish and wildlife to allocate certain forfeited moneys for coastal groundfish management and research.

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Provides that moneys received by the department from the forfeiture of coastal groundfish in excess of vessel trip or cumulative limits shall be deposited in the fish management and research account created in this act. Allocations under this provision shall be made only for coastal groundfish management and research.

Creates the fish management and research account in the custody of the state treasurer. Revenues to the account are received by the department under RCW 77.12.177 (4), (7), and (8). Expenditures from this account may be made only for purposes for which the moneys were received. Only the director of the department or the director's designee has authority to make expenditures from the account, and no appropriation is required for expenditure.