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Brief Description: Encouraging agricultural conservation programs. Revised for 1st Substitute: Encouraging agricultural conservation programs. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Encouraging agricultural land use conservation programs.)

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Authorizes the department to enter into agreements with the commodity credit corporation of the United States department of agriculture to implement a conservation reserve enhancement program to assist in the restoration or enhancement of habitat for salmonids that have been listed as threatened or endangered species under the federal endangered species act and/or the improvement of water quality. The program shall continue to be delivered by conservation districts organized under chapter 89.08 RCW.

Provides that, in administering this program, the goal of the department shall be to maximize the number of miles of stream habitat that are benefited by the program while minimizing the total number of acres of agricultural land that are taken out of production.