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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5227**

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**By** Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Doumit, Fraser and  
Rasmussen; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

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1 AN ACT Relating to wildlife harvest reports; amending RCW  
2 77.32.070, 77.15.280, and 77.12.170; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.070 and 2004 c 248 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Applicants for a license, permit, tag, or stamp shall furnish  
7 the information required by the director. However, the director may  
8 not require the purchaser of a razor clam license under RCW 77.32.520  
9 to provide any personal information except for proof of residency. The  
10 commission may adopt rules requiring licensees or permittees to keep  
11 records and make reports concerning the taking of or effort to harvest  
12 fish, shellfish, and wildlife. The reporting requirement may be waived  
13 where, for any reason, the department is not able to receive the  
14 report. The department must provide reasonable options for a licensee  
15 to submit information to a live operator prior to the reporting  
16 deadline.

17 (2) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty for  
18 failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of taking or  
19 effort to harvest wildlife. The commission may also adopt rules

1 requiring hunters who have not reported for the previous license year  
2 to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative penalty before  
3 a new hunting license is issued.

4 (a) The total administrative penalty per hunter set by the  
5 commission must not exceed ten dollars.

6 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report the  
7 rate of hunter compliance with the harvest reporting requirement, the  
8 administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the amount of  
9 administrative penalties collected during that year to the appropriate  
10 fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of  
11 representatives.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.15.280 and 1998 c 190 s 47 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 (1) A person is guilty of violating rules requiring reporting of  
15 fish or wildlife harvest if the person:

16 (a) Fails to make a harvest log report of a commercial fish or  
17 shellfish catch in violation of any rule of the commission or the  
18 director;

19 (b) Fails to maintain a trapper's report or taxidermist ledger in  
20 violation of any rule of the commission or the director;

21 (c) Fails to submit any portion of a big game animal for a required  
22 inspection required by rule of the commission or the director; or

23 (d) Fails to return a catch record card (~~or wildlife harvest~~  
24 ~~report~~) to the department as required by rule of the commission or  
25 director.

26 (2) Violating rules requiring reporting of fish or wildlife harvest  
27 is a misdemeanor.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.12.170 and 2004 c 248 s 4 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) There is established in the state treasury the state wildlife  
31 fund which consists of moneys received from:

32 (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;

33 (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department  
34 purposes;

35 (c) The assessment of administrative penalties, and the sale of  
36 licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by chapter 77.32 RCW and

1 RCW 77.65.490, except annual resident adult saltwater and all annual  
2 razor clam and shellfish licenses, which shall be deposited into the  
3 state general fund;

4 (d) Fees for informational materials published by the department;

5 (e) Fees for personalized vehicle license plates as provided in  
6 chapter 46.16 RCW;

7 (f) Articles or wildlife sold by the director under this title;

8 (g) Compensation for damage to department property or wildlife  
9 losses or contributions, gifts, or grants received under RCW 77.12.320;

10 (h) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter  
11 82.27 RCW;

12 (i) The sale of personal property seized by the department for  
13 fish, shellfish, or wildlife violations;

14 (j) The department's share of revenues from auctions and raffles  
15 authorized by the commission; and

16 (k) The sale of watchable wildlife decals under RCW 77.32.560.

17 (2) State and county officers receiving any moneys listed in  
18 subsection (1) of this section shall deposit them in the state treasury  
19 to be credited to the state wildlife fund.

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