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SENATE BILL 6161

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By Senator Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to group fishing permits for outdoor education  
2 programs working with the department of fish and wildlife; and amending  
3 RCW 77.32.550.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.550 and 2002 c 266 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) A group fishing permit allows a group of individuals to fish  
8 and harvest shellfish without individual licenses or the payment of  
9 individual license fees.

10 (2) The director must issue a group fishing permit on a seasonal  
11 basis to a state-operated facility or state-licensed nonprofit facility  
12 or program for physically or mentally disabled persons, mentally ill  
13 persons, hospital patients, handicapped persons, seriously or  
14 terminally ill persons, persons who are dependent on the state because  
15 of emotional or physical developmental disabilities, or senior citizens  
16 who are in the care of the facility. The permit is valid only for use  
17 during open season.

18 (3) The director may set conditions and issue a group fishing

1 permit to groups working in partnership with and participating in  
2 department outdoor education programs. At the discretion of the  
3 director, a processing fee may be applied.

4 (4) The commission (~~must~~) may adopt rules that provide the  
5 conditions under which a group fishing permit (~~must be~~) is issued.

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