

HB 1896 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Prohibits the department and the department of natural resources from entering or reentering into any management plan with either a state or nonstate entity that would, in the area of Hood Canal south of a line projected from the communities of South Point in Jefferson county and Lofall in Kitsap county, allow for the harvest of any naturally occurring geoduck below the mean low tide line.

Prohibits the department and the department of natural resources from entering or reentering into any management plan with either a state or nonstate entity that would, in the area of Hood Canal north of a line projected from the communities of South Point in Jefferson county and Lofall in Kitsap county and south of a line projected from Tala Point in Jefferson county to Foulweather Bluff in Kitsap county, allow for the harvest of naturally occurring geoduck below the mean low tide line in an amount greater than ninety percent of the average harvest level in that area for the years 2000 through 2004.

Provides that, if a majority of the members of the commission vote affirmatively on a rule under this act, a summary of the research considered must be presented to the appropriate standing committees of both the house of representatives and the senate. No rule may take effect until thirty days after the adjournment of the session during which the research is presented.

Prohibits the department from entering or reentering into a management plan with either a state or nonstate entity in violation of this act unless the department of fish and wildlife is authorized by the fish and wildlife commission to enter into such a management plan.