

HB 2081-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that a need exists for the state to take action to address Hood Canal's low-dissolved oxygen concentrations. Also finds establishing an aquatic rehabilitation zone for Hood Canal will serve as a statutory framework for future regulations and programs directed at recovery of this important aquatic resource.

Declares an intent to establish an aquatic rehabilitation zone for Hood Canal as the framework to address Hood Canal's low-dissolved oxygen concentrations. Also intends to incorporate provisions in the new statutory chapter creating the designation as solutions are identified regarding this problem.

Declares that aquatic rehabilitation zones may be designated by the legislature for areas whose surrounding marine water bodies pose serious environmental or public health concerns.

Establishes aquatic rehabilitation zone one. Aquatic rehabilitation zone one includes all watersheds that drain to Hood Canal south of a line projected from Tala Point in Jefferson county to Foulweather Bluff in Kitsap county.