

2SHB 3186 - H AMD 1208

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1 On page On page 2, beginning on line 24, after "(1)" strike all
2 material through "90.58.030" on page 3, line 16, and insert the
3 following:

4 "Beach management districts may be created for the purpose of
5 controlling and removing aquatic plants or vegetation. These
6 districts must develop a plan for these activities, in consultation
7 with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. The plan must
8 include an element addressing nutrient loading from land use
9 activities in a subbasin that is a tributary to the area targeted
10 for management. The plan must be consistent with the action agenda
11 approved by the Puget Sound partnership, where applicable.

12 (2) Plans for the control and removal of aquatic plants or
13 vegetation must, to the greatest extent possible, meet the
14 following requirements:

15 (a) Avoid or minimize the excess removal of living and
16 nonliving nontarget native vegetation and organisms;

17 (b) Avoid or minimize management activities that will result in
18 compacting beach sand, gravel, and substrate;

19 (c) Minimize adverse impacts to: (i) The project site when
20 disposing of excessive accumulations of vegetation; and (ii) Other
21 areas of the beach or deep water environment; and

22 (d) Retain all natural habitat features on the beach, including
23 retaining trees, stumps, logs, and large rocks in their natural
24 location.

25 (3) Seaweed removal under this section may only occur on the
26 shore of a saltwater body that lies between the extreme low tide
27 and the ordinary high water mark, as those terms are defined in RCW
28 90.58.030.

29 (4) The control or removal of native aquatic plants or
30 vegetation shall be authorized in the following areas:

- 1 (a) Beaches or near shore areas located within at least one
2 mile of a ferry terminal that are in a county with a population of
3 one million or more residents; and
4 (b) Beaches or near shore areas in a city that meets the
5 following:
6 (i) Is adjacent to Puget Sound;
7 (ii) Has at least eighty-five thousand residents;
8 (iii) Shares a common boundary with a neighboring county; and
9 (iv) Is in a county with a population of one million or more
10 residents"

EFFECT: Authorizes the creation of beach management districts for the control and removal of aquatic plants or vegetation.

Restricts the control and removal of native aquatic plants or vegetation to beaches or near shore areas meeting specified requirements.

Removes provisions requiring the Department of Ecology to select two beach management districts located in a county with a population of one million or more.