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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3052

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**By** House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Sells, Flannigan, Roberts, Haigh, Dickerson, and Williams)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the role of the department of fish and wildlife  
2 in the management of the state wildstock geoduck resource; and amending  
3 RCW 79.135.220.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.135.220 and 2005 c 155 s 709 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) It is the responsibility of the department ((shall)) to  
8 designate the areas of state-owned aquatic lands that are available for  
9 geoduck harvesting by licensed geoduck harvesters in accordance with  
10 this chapter ((79.90 RCW)).

11            (2) For the state's management of the geoduck fishery, it is the  
12 primary responsibility of the department of fish and wildlife to:

13            (a) Identify commercial geoduck tracks;

14            (b) Conduct geoduck fishery assessments and recovery and mortality  
15 rate studies;

16            (c) Set the total allowable catch limits for the harvest of  
17 wildstock geoducks from state-owned aquatic lands.

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