

HB 1738 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that the department, in consultation with the ballast water work group created in this act, shall collect data necessary to establish and maintain an inventory of the location and geographic range of nonindigenous plant and animal populations in the coastal and estuarine waters of the state that includes open coastal waters and bays and estuaries. In particular, data must be collected that does both of the following: (1) Supplements the existing baseline of nonindigenous species previously developed pursuant to this section, by adding data from investigations of intertidal and nearshore subtidal habitats along the open coast; and

(2) Monitors the coastal and estuarine waters of the state, including, but not limited to, habitats along the open coast, for new introductions of nonindigenous species or spread of existing nonindigenous species populations.

Repeals RCW 77.120.060, 77.120.080, and 77.120.090.