

**HB 2248 - DIGEST**

Provides that the department shall manage the Maury Island aquatic reserve primarily for the achievement of the following goals: (1) To conserve native habitats and associated plant and wildlife species, with a special emphasis upon forage fish, salmonids, and migratory birds;

(2) To protect and restore the functions and natural processes of nearshore ecosystems in support of the natural resources of the reserve;

(3) To promote stewardship of riparian and aquatic habitats and species by providing education and outreach opportunities and promoting coordination with other resource managers; and

(4) To provide for low-impact public uses including recreation uses and improvements that do not adversely affect the resource values, are appropriate to the maintenance of the lands in a relatively unmodified natural setting, and do not detract from long-term ecological processes.