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By Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Jacobsen, Rockefeller, Swecker, Hargrove, Shin, and Marr)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Columbia river recreational salmon
2 and steelhead pilot stamp program; adding new sections to chapter 77.12
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating new sections;
4 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
7 establish the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot
8 stamp program to continue and, to the maximum extent possible, increase
9 recreational selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia river and
10 its tributaries.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The department shall create and administer a Columbia river
14 recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program. The program
15 must facilitate continued and, to the maximum extent possible, improved
16 recreational salmon and steelhead selective fishing opportunities on
17 the Columbia river and its tributaries by supplementing the resources

1 available to the department to carry out the scientific monitoring and
2 evaluation, data collection, permitting, reporting, enforcement, and
3 other activities necessary to provide such opportunities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to a recreational license required under this
7 chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or endorsement is
8 required in order for any person fifteen years of age or older to fish
9 recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia river and its
10 tributaries where these fisheries have been authorized by the
11 department. The cost for each stamp or endorsement is seven dollars
12 and fifty cents. The department shall deposit all receipts from stamp
13 or endorsement purchases into the Columbia river recreational salmon
14 and steelhead pilot stamp program account created in section 4 of this
15 act.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section and sections 2 and 4 through
17 6 of this act, the term "Columbia river" means the Columbia river from
18 a line across the Columbia river between Rocky Point in Washington and
19 Tongue Point in Oregon to the Chief Joseph dam.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp
23 program account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All
24 receipts from Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or endorsement
25 purchases under section 3 of this act and gifts made for purposes of
26 the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp
27 program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
28 account may be used only for purposes of the program created in section
29 2 of this act. Only the director or the director's designee may
30 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
31 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
32 not required for expenditures.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) The department shall administer the Columbia river recreational

1 salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program in consultation with a
2 Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board. The
3 board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the department.

4 (2) The director or director's designee shall appoint members to
5 the Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board, and
6 in doing so shall seek to provide and maintain equitable representation
7 from the geographic areas and established recreational fishing
8 organizations of the Columbia river. The board must consist of no
9 fewer than six and no more than ten members at any one time.

10 (3) The Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
11 board shall make annual recommendations to the department regarding
12 program expenditures. To the maximum extent possible, the board and
13 department shall seek to reach consensus regarding program activities
14 and expenditures. The director or the director's designee shall
15 provide the board with a written explanation when the department
16 expends funds from the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead
17 pilot stamp program account created in section 4 of this act in a
18 manner that differs substantially from board recommendations.

19 (4) Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board
20 members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 By December 1, 2014, the department and the Columbia river salmon
25 and steelhead recreational anglers board shall review the Columbia
26 river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program, prepare a
27 brief summary of the activities conducted under the program, and
28 provide this summary and a recommendation whether the program should be
29 continued to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
30 representatives.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act expire June
32 30, 2016.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** By September 1, 2009, the department of fish
34 and wildlife shall:

1 (1) Establish and make publicly available a list of tributaries to
2 the Columbia river where a Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or
3 endorsement is required to fish recreationally for salmon or steelhead
4 pursuant to section 3 of this act; and

5 (2) Elect between issuing stamps or issuing endorsements pursuant
6 to section 3 of this act. The department of fish and wildlife shall
7 proceed using the option that it determines will result in the least
8 administrative costs.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Nothing in this act changes the allocation
10 of salmon or steelhead fisheries in the Columbia river and its
11 tributaries or the authorities or processes by which such allocations
12 are determined.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
14 1, 2010.

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