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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the upper Columbia river recreational
2 salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program; adding new sections to
3 chapter 77.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; providing
4 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 upper Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead
8 pilot stamp program to continue and, to the maximum extent possible,
9 increase recreational fishing opportunities on the upper Columbia river
10 and 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 an upper 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 fishing opportunities in the upper
17 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, an upper Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp is required
8 in order for any person fifteen years of age or older to fish
9 recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the upper Columbia river and
10 its tributaries where these fisheries have been authorized by the
11 department. The cost for each stamp is fifteen dollars. The
12 department shall deposit all receipts from stamp purchases into the
13 upper Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp
14 program account created in section 4 of this act. Persons wanting to
15 contribute additional moneys for purposes of the upper Columbia river
16 recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program may purchase
17 additional stamps.

18 (2) For the purposes of this section and sections 2 and 4 through
19 6 of this act, the term "upper Columbia river" means the Columbia river
20 from the old Hanford townsite wooden powerline towers to the Chief
21 Joseph dam.

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

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

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

3 (1) The department shall administer the upper Columbia river
4 recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program in consultation
5 with an upper Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
6 board. The board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
7 department.

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

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

24 (4) Upper Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
25 board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance
26 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

29 (1) By December 1, 2015, the department and the upper Columbia
30 river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board shall review the
31 upper Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp
32 program, prepare a brief summary of the activities conducted under the
33 program, and provide this summary and a recommendation whether the
34 program should be continued to the appropriate committees of the senate
35 and house of representatives.

36 (2) This section expires January 1, 2016.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** By September 1, 2009, the department of fish
2 and wildlife shall establish and make publicly available a list of
3 tributaries to the upper Columbia river where an upper Columbia river
4 salmon and steelhead stamp is required to fish recreationally for
5 salmon or steelhead pursuant to section 3 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
7 1, 2010.

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