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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational hunting and fishing license fees;
2 amending RCW 77.32.350, 77.32.370, 77.32.430, 77.32.450, 77.32.460,
3 77.32.470, 77.32.480, and 77.32.520; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.350 and 2002 c 283 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In addition to a small game hunting license, a supplemental permit
8 or stamp is required to hunt for western Washington pheasant or
9 migratory birds.

10 (1) A western Washington pheasant permit is required to hunt for
11 pheasant in western Washington. Western Washington pheasant permits
12 must contain numbered spaces for recording the location and date of
13 harvest of each western Washington pheasant.

14 (2) The permit shall be available as a season option, a youth full
15 season option, or a three-day option. The fee for this permit is:

16 (a) For the resident and nonresident full season option, (~~thirty-~~
17 ~~six~~) forty-three dollars;

18 (b) For the youth full season option, (~~eighteen~~) twenty-two
19 dollars;

1 (c) For the three-day option, twenty-four dollars.

2 (3) A migratory bird validation is required for all persons sixteen
3 years of age or older to hunt migratory birds. The fee for the
4 validation for hunters is (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for residents and
5 nonresidents. The fee for the stamp for collectors is (~~ten~~) twelve
6 dollars.

7 (4) The migratory bird license must be validated at the time of
8 signature of the licensee.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.370 and 1998 c 191 s 26 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) A special hunting season permit is required to hunt in each
12 special season established under chapter 77.12 RCW.

13 (2) Persons may apply for special hunting season permits as
14 provided by rule of the commission.

15 (3) The application fee to enter the drawing for a special hunting
16 permit is (~~five~~) six dollars for residents, (~~fifty~~) sixty dollars
17 for nonresidents, and (~~three~~) four dollars for youth.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.430 and 2005 c 192 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) Catch record card information is necessary for proper
21 management of the state's food fish and game fish species and shellfish
22 resources. Catch record card administration shall be under rules
23 adopted by the commission. There is no charge for an initial catch
24 record card. Each subsequent or duplicate catch record card costs
25 (~~ten~~) twelve dollars.

26 (2) A license to take and possess Dungeness crab is only valid in
27 Puget Sound waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line if the fisher has
28 in possession a valid catch record card officially endorsed for
29 Dungeness crab. The endorsement shall cost no more than (~~three~~) four
30 dollars, including any or all fees authorized under RCW 77.32.050, when
31 purchased for a personal use saltwater, combination, or shellfish and
32 seaweed license. The endorsement shall cost no more than one dollar
33 and twenty cents, including any or all fees authorized under RCW
34 77.32.050, when purchased for a temporary combination fishing license
35 authorized under RCW 77.32.470(3)(a).

1 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term
2 charter stamp licenses are not subject to the (~~ten-dollar~~) twelve-
3 dollar charge nor to the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for in
4 this section. Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary short-
5 term charter stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch record
6 card issued before fishing commences. Catch record cards issued with
7 a temporary short-term charter stamp are valid for one day.

8 (4) The department shall include provisions for recording marked
9 and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31, 2004.

10 (5) The funds received from the sale of catch record cards and the
11 Dungeness crab endorsement must be deposited into the state wildlife
12 (~~fund~~) account. The funds received from the Dungeness crab
13 endorsement may be used only for the sampling, monitoring, and
14 management of catch associated with the Dungeness crab recreational
15 fisheries. Moneys allocated under this section shall supplement and
16 not supplant other federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness
17 crab recreational fisheries management.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2005 c 140 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.
21 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,
22 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a
23 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license
24 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that package.
25 A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big game
26 species except as authorized by rule of the commission. The fees for
27 annual big game combination packages are as follows:

28 (a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for
29 this license is (~~sixty-six~~) seventy-nine dollars for residents, (~~six~~
30 ~~hundred-sixty~~) seven hundred ninety dollars for nonresidents, and
31 (~~thirty-three~~) forty dollars for youth.

32 (b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is
33 (~~fifty-six~~) sixty-seven dollars for residents, (~~five-hundred-sixty~~)
34 six hundred seventy dollars for nonresidents, and (~~twenty-eight~~)
35 thirty-four dollars for youth.

36 (c) Big game number 3: Deer or elk, bear, and cougar. At the time
37 of purchase, the holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for

1 this license is (~~forty-six~~) fifty-five dollars for residents, (~~four~~
2 ~~hundred-sixty~~) five hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents, and
3 (~~twenty-three~~) twenty-eight dollars for youth.

4 (d) Big game number 4: Deer or elk. At the time of purchase, the
5 holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for this license is
6 (~~thirty-six~~) forty-three dollars for residents, (~~three-hundred~~
7 ~~sixty~~) four hundred thirty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~eighteen~~)
8 twenty-two dollars for youth.

9 (e) Big game number 5: Bear and cougar. The fee for this license
10 is twenty-four dollars for residents, two hundred forty dollars for
11 nonresidents, and (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for youth.

12 (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big
13 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:

14 (a) Elk: The fee is twenty-four dollars for residents, two hundred
15 forty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for youth.

16 (b) Deer: The fee is twenty-four dollars for residents, two
17 hundred forty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for
18 youth.

19 (c) Bear: The fee is (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for residents, one
20 hundred twenty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~five~~) six dollars for
21 youth.

22 (d) Cougar: The fee is (~~ten~~) twelve dollars for residents, one
23 hundred twenty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~five~~) six dollars for
24 youth.

25 (3) In the event that the commission authorizes a special permit
26 hunt for goat, sheep, or moose, the permit fees are as follows:

27 (a) Mountain goat: The fee is one hundred twenty dollars for
28 residents, one thousand two hundred dollars for nonresidents, and
29 (~~fifty~~) sixty dollars for youth.

30 (b) Sheep: The fee is one hundred twenty dollars for residents,
31 one thousand two hundred dollars for nonresidents, and (~~fifty~~) sixty
32 dollars for youth.

33 (c) Moose: The fee is one hundred twenty dollars for residents,
34 one thousand two hundred dollars for nonresidents, and (~~fifty~~) sixty
35 dollars for youth.

36 (4) Multiple season big game permit: The commission may, by rule,
37 offer permits for hunters to hunt deer or elk during more than one
38 general season. Only one deer or elk may be harvested annually under

1 a multiple season big game permit. The fee is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~)
2 eighty dollars for residents and one thousand (~~(five)~~) eight hundred
3 dollars for nonresidents.

4 (5) Authorization to hunt the species set out under subsection
5 (3)(a) through (c) of this section or in multiple seasons as set out in
6 subsection (4) of this section is by special permit issued under RCW
7 77.32.370.

8 (6) The commission may adopt rules to reduce the price of a license
9 or eliminate the transportation tag requirements concerning bear or
10 cougar when necessary to meet harvest objectives.

11 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.460 and 2006 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) A small game hunting license is required to hunt for all
14 classified wild animals and wild birds, except big game. A small game
15 license also allows the holder to hunt for unclassified wildlife.

16 (a) The fee for this license is ~~thirty-six~~ dollars for residents,
17 one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty dollars for nonresidents, and (~~(fifteen)~~)
18 eighteen dollars for youth.

19 (b) The fee for this license if purchased in conjunction with a big
20 game combination license package is (~~(sixteen)~~) nineteen dollars for
21 residents, (~~(eighty)~~) ninety-six dollars for nonresidents, and
22 (~~(eight)~~) ten dollars for youth.

23 (c) The fee for a three-consecutive-day small game license is
24 (~~(fifty)~~) sixty dollars for nonresidents.

25 (2) In addition to a small game license, a turkey tag is required
26 to hunt for turkey.

27 (a) The fee for a primary turkey tag is (~~(fourteen)~~) seventeen
28 dollars for residents and ~~forty-eight~~ dollars for nonresidents. A
29 primary turkey tag will, on request, be issued to the purchaser of a
30 youth small game license at no charge.

31 (b) The fee for each additional turkey tag is (~~(fourteen)~~)
32 seventeen dollars for residents, (~~(sixty)~~) seventy-two dollars for
33 nonresidents, and (~~(nine)~~) eleven dollars for youth.

34 (c) All moneys received from turkey tags must be deposited in the
35 state wildlife account. One-third of the moneys received from turkey
36 tags must be appropriated solely for the purposes of turkey management.
37 An additional one-third of the moneys received from turkey tags must be

1 appropriated solely for upland game bird management. Moneys received
2 from turkey tags may not supplant existing funds provided for these
3 purposes.

4 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.470 and 2008 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, temporary,
7 or family fishing weekend license is required for all persons fifteen
8 years of age or older to fish for or possess fish taken for personal
9 use from state waters or offshore waters.

10 (2) The fees for annual personal use saltwater, freshwater, or
11 combination licenses are as follows:

12 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or possess
13 fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore waters. The
14 fee for this license is ~~((thirty-six))~~ forty-three dollars for
15 residents, ~~((seventy-two))~~ eighty-six dollars for nonresidents, and
16 ~~((five))~~ six dollars for youth. There is an additional fifty-cent
17 surcharge for this license, to be deposited in the rockfish research
18 account created in RCW 77.12.702.

19 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess
20 fish taken from saltwater areas. The fee for this license is
21 ~~((eighteen))~~ twenty-two dollars for residents, ~~((thirty-six))~~ forty-
22 three dollars for nonresidents, and ~~((five))~~ six dollars for resident
23 seniors. There is an additional fifty-cent surcharge for this license,
24 to be deposited in the rockfish research account created in RCW
25 77.12.702.

26 (c) A freshwater license allows the holder to fish for, take, or
27 possess food fish or game fish species in all freshwater areas. The
28 fee for this license is twenty-four dollars for residents, forty-eight
29 dollars for nonresidents, and ~~((five))~~ six dollars for resident
30 seniors.

31 (3)(a) A temporary combination fishing license is valid for one to
32 five consecutive days and allows the holder to fish for or possess
33 fish, shellfish, and seaweed taken from state waters or offshore
34 waters. The fee for this temporary fishing license is:

35 (i) One day - ~~((Seven))~~ Eight dollars for residents and
36 ~~((fourteen))~~ seventeen dollars for nonresidents;

1 (ii) Two days - (~~Ten~~) Twelve dollars for residents and twenty-
2 four dollars for nonresidents;

3 (iii) Three days - (~~Thirteen~~) Sixteen dollars for residents and
4 (~~twenty-six~~) thirty-one dollars for nonresidents;

5 (iv) Four days - (~~Fifteen~~) Eighteen dollars for residents and
6 thirty-five dollars for nonresidents; and

7 (v) Five days - (~~Seventeen~~) Twenty dollars for residents and
8 (~~thirty-four~~) forty-one dollars for nonresidents.

9 (b) The fee for a charter stamp is (~~seven~~) eight dollars for a
10 one-day temporary combination fishing license for residents and
11 nonresidents for use on a charter boat as defined in RCW 77.65.150.

12 (c) A transaction fee to support the automated licensing system
13 will be taken from the amounts set forth in this subsection for
14 temporary licenses.

15 (d) Except for active duty military personnel serving in any branch
16 of the United States armed forces, the temporary combination fishing
17 license is not valid on game fish species for an eight-consecutive-day
18 period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake fishing season.

19 (e) The temporary combination fishing license fee for active duty
20 military personnel serving in any branch of the United States armed
21 forces is the resident rate as set forth in (a) of this subsection.
22 Active duty military personnel must provide a valid military
23 identification card at the time of purchase of the temporary license to
24 qualify for the resident rate.

25 (f) There is an additional fifty-cent surcharge on the temporary
26 combination fishing license and the associated charter stamp, to be
27 deposited in the rockfish research account created in RCW 77.12.702.

28 (4) A family fishing weekend license allows for a maximum of six
29 anglers: One resident and five youth; two residents and four youth; or
30 one resident, one nonresident, and four youth. This license allows the
31 holders to fish for or possess fish taken from state waters or offshore
32 waters. The fee for this license is twenty-four dollars. This license
33 is only valid during periods as specified by rule of the department.

34 (5) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell combination
35 licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or below a fee equal
36 to the total cost of the individual license contained within any
37 combination.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.480 and 2007 c 254 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Upon written application, a combination fishing license shall be
4 issued at the reduced rate of (~~five~~) six dollars, and all hunting
5 licenses shall(~~7~~) be issued at the reduced rate of a youth hunting
6 license fee for the following individuals:

7 (1) A resident sixty-five years old or older who is an honorably
8 discharged veteran of the United States armed forces having a service-
9 connected disability;

10 (2) A resident who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
11 States armed forces with a thirty percent or more service-connected
12 disability;

13 (3) A resident with a disability who permanently uses a wheelchair;

14 (4) A resident who is blind or visually impaired; and

15 (5) A resident with a developmental disability as defined in RCW
16 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability certified by a
17 physician licensed to practice in this state.

18 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.520 and 2007 c 336 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license is required for
21 all persons other than residents or nonresidents under fifteen years of
22 age to fish for, take, dig for, or possess seaweed or shellfish,
23 including razor clams, for personal use from state waters or offshore
24 waters including national park beaches.

25 (2) A razor clam license allows a person to harvest only razor
26 clams for personal use from state waters, including national park
27 beaches.

28 (3) The fees for annual personal use shellfish and seaweed licenses
29 are:

30 (a) For a resident fifteen years of age or older, (~~seven~~) eight
31 dollars;

32 (b) For a nonresident fifteen years of age or older, twenty-four
33 dollars; and

34 (c) For a senior, (~~five~~) six dollars.

35 (4) The fee for an annual razor clam license is (~~five~~) six
36 dollars and (~~fifty~~) sixty cents for residents and (~~eleven~~) thirteen
37 dollars for nonresidents.

1 (5) The fee for a three-day razor clam license is ((~~three~~)) four
2 dollars and ((~~fifty~~)) twenty cents for both residents and nonresidents.

3 (6) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license or razor clam
4 license must be in immediate possession of the licensee and available
5 for inspection while a licensee is harvesting shellfish or seaweed.
6 However, the license does not need to be visible at all times.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act takes effect August 1, 2009.

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