

HB 1778-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Modernizes certain provisions in Title 77 RCW regarding fish and wildlife.

VETO MESSAGE ON SHB 1778

May 5, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 53, Substitute House Bill 1778 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modernizing certain provisions in Title 77 RCW regarding fish and wildlife."

Section 53 provides the legislative intent and findings for the wildlife interactions portion of this bill. I am concerned that this section of the bill is overly broad and may lead to unintended consequences regarding expectations of the wildlife interaction program modified by this act. I do not believe that vetoing this section will in any way hinder the implementation of this program.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 53 of Substitute House Bill 1778. With the exception of Section 53, Substitute House Bill 1778 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor