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1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining natural resources management;  
2 amending RCW 76.09.360, 77.55.191, 76.09.040, 76.09.050, 76.09.100,  
3 76.09.150, 76.09.260, 76.09.470, 90.64.010, 90.64.020, 90.64.170,  
4 90.48.260, 77.55.021, 77.12.755, 77.12.870, 77.12.878, 77.15.390,  
5 77.44.040, 77.55.121, 77.55.211, 77.55.131, 77.65.510, 77.70.210,  
6 77.105.070, 79.13.620, 79.19.080, 79.70.030, 79.71.120, 79.105.500,  
7 79.125.710, 79.125.730, 79.135.130, 79.135.140, 79.135.150, 79.135.320,  
8 79.135.410, 79A.05.351, 79A.05.360, 79A.60.520, 79A.60.550, 79A.60.620,  
9 79A.05.285, 79A.30.050, 79A.50.090, 79A.50.100, 79A.15.110, 78.44.280,  
10 78.52.125, 78.56.040, 78.56.050, 78.56.060, 78.56.080, 78.56.110,  
11 78.56.160, 78.60.070, 78.60.080, 78.60.100, 90.03.247, 90.03.280,  
12 90.03.290, 90.03.360, 90.03.590, 90.16.050, 90.16.090, 90.22.010,  
13 90.22.020, 90.22.060, 90.24.010, 90.24.030, 90.24.060, 90.38.040,  
14 90.48.170, 90.48.366, 90.48.445, 90.48.448, 90.74.020, 90.74.030,  
15 90.82.048, 90.90.020, and 90.90.030; reenacting and amending RCW  
16 43.30.411, 77.55.011, 76.09.060, and 79A.05.255; adding a new section  
17 to chapter 77.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.21A RCW;  
18 adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to  
19 chapter 89.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.23 RCW; adding a  
20 new section to chapter 79A.25 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 76.09  
21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.55 RCW; creating a new section;

1 recodifying RCW 77.55.121; and repealing RCW 79.13.610, 79.105.220,  
2 79.135.230, 79.135.310, 79.135.430, 79.145.030, 79A.05.670, 79A.05.735,  
3 79A.50.070, 76.09.160, and 77.12.360.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the state of  
6 Washington maintains at least eleven state agencies that exist either  
7 wholly or in part to manage, regulate, mediate, or enforce the state's  
8 public and private natural resources, many of which have overlapping  
9 jurisdiction and authorities.

10 (2) The legislature finds that the overlap of state natural  
11 resources agencies creates unnecessary expenses for the state  
12 government, confusion for the state's citizens, and hampers private  
13 sector economic development.

14 (3) The legislature finds that it is important for state agencies  
15 to communicate, share resources, and provide comments during each  
16 other's rule-making processes. However, it is unnecessarily  
17 duplicative for more than one state agency to be involved in the  
18 implementation or enforcement of any one program.

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

21 Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the department  
22 shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
23 for which the department has been given administrative authority,  
24 directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice, counsel, notice,  
25 or interference with or from other state agencies. Nothing in this  
26 section prohibits expertise from other state agencies to be collected  
27 during the rule-making stage of statutory implementation.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW  
29 to read as follows:

30 Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the department  
31 shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
32 and chapters for which the department has been given administrative  
33 authority, directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice,  
34 counsel, notice, or interference with or from other state agencies.

1 Nothing in this section prohibits expertise from other state agencies  
2 to be collected during the rule-making stage of statutory  
3 implementation.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.30.411 and 2003 c 334 s 108 and 2003 c 312 s 1 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall exercise all of the powers, duties, and  
7 functions now vested in the commissioner of public lands and such  
8 powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the department.  
9 However, nothing contained in this section shall effect the  
10 commissioner's ex officio membership on any committee provided by law.

11 (2) Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the  
12 department shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other  
13 statutes for which the department has been given administrative  
14 authority, directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice,  
15 counsel, notice, or interference with or from other state agencies.  
16 Nothing in this section prohibits expertise from other state agencies  
17 to be collected during the rule-making stage of statutory  
18 implementation.

19 (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, and subject to  
20 the limitations of RCW 4.24.115, the department, in the exercise of any  
21 of its powers, may include in any authorized contract a provision for  
22 indemnifying the other contracting party against loss or damages.

23 (b) When executing a right-of-way or easement contract over private  
24 land that involves forest management activities, the department shall  
25 indemnify the private landowner if the landowner does not receive a  
26 direct benefit from the contract.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW  
28 to read as follows:

29 Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the commission  
30 shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
31 for which the commission has been given administrative authority,  
32 directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice, counsel, notice,  
33 or interference with or from other state agencies. Nothing in this  
34 section prohibits expertise from other state agencies to be collected  
35 during the rule-making stage of statutory implementation.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    A new section is added to chapter 89.08 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the commission  
4 shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
5 for which the commission has been given administrative authority,  
6 directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice, counsel, notice,  
7 or interference with or from other state agencies. Nothing in this  
8 section prohibits expertise from other state agencies to be collected  
9 during the rule-making stage of statutory implementation.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12       Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the department  
13 shall administer all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
14 for which the department has been given administrative authority,  
15 directly and without assistance, cooperation, advice, counsel, notice,  
16 or interference with or from other state agencies. Nothing in this  
17 section prohibits expertise from other state agencies to be collected  
18 during the rule-making stage of statutory implementation.

19       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    A new section is added to chapter 79A.25 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21       Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the recreation  
22 and conservation office shall administer all provisions of this title,  
23 and all other statutes for which the office has been given  
24 administrative authority, directly and without assistance, cooperation,  
25 advice, counsel, notice, or interference with or from other state  
26 agencies. Nothing in this section prohibits expertise from other state  
27 agencies to be collected during the rule-making stage of statutory  
28 implementation.

29       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31       Unless expressly identified otherwise in statute, the board shall  
32 ensure that all provisions of this title, and all other statutes  
33 relating to forest practices, are to be administered by the department  
34 of natural resources directly and without assistance, cooperation,  
35 advice, counsel, notice, or interference with or from other state

1 agencies. Nothing in this section prohibits expertise from other state  
2 agencies to be collected during the rule-making stage of statutory  
3 implementation.

4 **Sec. 10.** RCW 76.09.360 and 1997 c 290 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The department (~~((together with the department of fish and wildlife,~~  
7 ~~and the department of ecology relating to water quality protection,))~~)  
8 shall develop a suitable process to permit landowners to secure all  
9 permits required for the conduct of forest practices (~~((in a single~~  
10 ~~multiyear permit))~~) to be (~~((jointly))~~) issued only by the (~~((departments~~  
11 ~~and the departments shall report their findings to the legislature not~~  
12 ~~later than December 31, 2000))~~) department.

13 **Sec. 11.** RCW 77.55.011 and 2010 c 210 s 26 are each reenacted and  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
16 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Bed" means the land below the ordinary high water lines of  
18 state waters. This definition does not include irrigation ditches,  
19 canals, storm water runoff devices, or other artificial watercourses  
20 except where they exist in a natural watercourse that has been altered  
21 artificially.

22 (2) "Board" means the pollution control hearings board created in  
23 chapter 43.21B RCW.

24 (3) (~~((("Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.~~  
25 ~~(4))~~)) "Date of receipt" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
26 43.21B.001.

27 (~~((+5))~~) (4) "Department" means the department of (~~((fish and~~  
28 ~~wildlife))~~) ecology.

29 (~~((+6))~~) (5) "Director" means the director of the department (~~((of~~  
30 ~~fish and wildlife))~~).

31 (~~((+7))~~) (6) "Emergency" means an immediate threat to life, the  
32 public, property, or of environmental degradation.

33 (~~((+8))~~) (7) "Hydraulic project" means the construction or  
34 performance of work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the  
35 natural flow or bed of any of the salt or freshwaters of the state.

1        ~~((+9))~~ (8) "Imminent danger" means a threat by weather, water  
2 flow, or other natural conditions that is likely to occur within sixty  
3 days of a request for a permit application.

4        ~~((+10))~~ (9) "Marina" means a public or private facility providing  
5 boat moorage space, fuel, or commercial services. Commercial services  
6 include but are not limited to overnight or live-aboard boating  
7 accommodations.

8        ~~((+11))~~ (10) "Marine terminal" means a public or private  
9 commercial wharf located in the navigable water of the state and used,  
10 or intended to be used, as a port or facility for the storing,  
11 handling, transferring, or transporting of goods to and from vessels.

12       ~~((+12))~~ (11) "Ordinary high water line" means the mark on the  
13 shores of all water that will be found by examining the bed and banks  
14 and ascertaining where the presence and action of waters are so common  
15 and usual, and so long continued in ordinary years as to mark upon the  
16 soil or vegetation a character distinct from the abutting upland.  
17 Provided, that in any area where the ordinary high water line cannot be  
18 found, the ordinary high water line adjoining saltwater is the line of  
19 mean higher high water and the ordinary high water line adjoining fresh  
20 water is the elevation of the mean annual flood.

21       ~~((+13))~~ (12) "Permit" means a hydraulic project approval permit  
22 issued under this chapter.

23       ~~((+14))~~ (13) "Sandbars" includes, but is not limited to, sand,  
24 gravel, rock, silt, and sediments.

25       ~~((+15))~~ (14) "Small scale prospecting and mining" means the use of  
26 only the following methods: Pans; nonmotorized sluice boxes;  
27 concentrators; and minirocker boxes for the discovery and recovery of  
28 minerals.

29       ~~((+16))~~ (15) "Spartina," "purple loosestrife," and "aquatic  
30 noxious weeds" have the same meanings as defined in RCW 17.26.020.

31       ~~((+17))~~ (16) "Streambank stabilization" means those projects that  
32 prevent or limit erosion, slippage, and mass wasting. These projects  
33 include, but are not limited to, bank resloping, log and debris  
34 relocation or removal, planting of woody vegetation, bank protection  
35 using rock or woody material or placement of jetties or groins, gravel  
36 removal, or erosion control.

37       ~~((+18))~~ (17) "Tide gate" means a one-way check valve that prevents  
38 the backflow of tidal water.

1           (~~(19)~~) (18) "Waters of the state" and "state waters" means all  
2 salt and fresh waters waterward of the ordinary high water line and  
3 within the territorial boundary of the state.

4           **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.55.191 and 2005 c 146 s 506 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6           (1) Except for the north fork of the Lewis river and the White  
7 Salmon river, all streams and rivers tributary to the Columbia river  
8 downstream from McNary dam are established as an anadromous fish  
9 sanctuary. This sanctuary is created to preserve and develop the food  
10 fish and game fish resources in these streams and rivers and to protect  
11 them against undue industrial encroachment.

12           (2) Within the sanctuary area:

13           (a) The department shall not issue a permit to construct a dam  
14 greater than twenty-five feet high within the migration range of  
15 anadromous fish as determined by the department.

16           (b) A person shall not divert water from rivers and streams in  
17 quantities that will reduce the respective stream flow below the annual  
18 average low flow, based upon data published in United States geological  
19 survey reports.

20           (3) The fish and wildlife commission may acquire and abate a dam or  
21 other obstruction, or acquire any water right vested on a sanctuary  
22 stream or river, which is in conflict with the provisions of subsection  
23 (2) of this section.

24           (4) Subsection (2)(a) of this section does not apply to the  
25 sediment retention structure to be built on the North Fork Toutle river  
26 by the United States army corps of engineers.

27           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 77.55 RCW  
28 to read as follows:

29           The requirements of RCW 77.55.021 are to be considered satisfied  
30 for any project that is required under chapter 76.09 RCW to submit a  
31 forest practices application or that is associated with any project  
32 that is required under chapter 76.09 RCW to submit a forest practices  
33 application.

34           **Sec. 14.** RCW 76.09.040 and 2010 c 188 s 4 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

1 (1)(a) Where necessary to accomplish the purposes and policies  
2 stated in RCW 76.09.010, and to implement the provisions of this  
3 chapter, the board shall adopt forest practices rules pursuant to  
4 chapter 34.05 RCW and in accordance with the procedures enumerated in  
5 this section that:

6 (i) Establish minimum standards for forest practices;

7 (ii) Provide procedures for the voluntary development of resource  
8 management plans which may be adopted as an alternative to the minimum  
9 standards in (a)(i) of this subsection if the plan is consistent with  
10 the purposes and policies stated in RCW 76.09.010 and the plan meets or  
11 exceeds the objectives of the minimum standards;

12 (iii) Set forth necessary administrative provisions;

13 (iv) Establish procedures for the collection and administration of  
14 forest practice fees as set forth by this chapter; and

15 (v) Allow for the development of watershed analyses.

16 (b) Forest practices rules pertaining to water quality protection  
17 shall be adopted by the board after reaching agreement with the  
18 director of the department of ecology or the director's designee on the  
19 board with respect thereto. All other forest practices rules shall be  
20 adopted by the board.

21 (c) Forest practices rules shall be administered and enforced by  
22 either the department or the local governmental entity as provided in  
23 this chapter. Such rules shall be adopted and administered so as to  
24 give consideration to all purposes and policies set forth in RCW  
25 76.09.010.

26 (2)(a) The board shall prepare proposed forest practices rules  
27 (~~consistent with this section and chapter 34.05 RCW. In addition to~~  
28 ~~any forest practices rules relating to water quality protection~~  
29 ~~proposed by the board, the department of ecology may submit to the~~  
30 ~~board~~) including proposed forest practices rules relating to water  
31 quality protection.

32 (b)(i) Prior to initiating the rule-making process, the proposed  
33 rules shall be submitted for review and comments to the department of  
34 fish and wildlife, the department of ecology, and to the counties of  
35 the state. After receipt of the proposed forest practices rules, the  
36 department of fish and wildlife, the department of ecology, and the  
37 counties of the state shall have thirty days in which to review and



1 submit comments to the board(~~(, and to the department of ecology with~~  
2 ~~respect to its proposed rules relating to water quality protection)~~).

3 (ii) After the expiration of the thirty-day period, the board (~~and~~  
4 ~~the department of ecology)~~) shall jointly hold one or more hearings on  
5 the proposed rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW. Any county  
6 representative may propose specific forest practices rules relating to  
7 problems existing within the county at the hearings.

8 (iii) The board may adopt (~~and the department of ecology may~~  
9 ~~approve)~~) such proposals if they find the proposals are consistent with  
10 the purposes and policies of this chapter.

11 (3)(a) The board shall establish by rule a program for the  
12 acquisition of riparian open space and critical habitat for threatened  
13 or endangered species as designated by the board. Acquisition must be  
14 a conservation easement. Lands eligible for acquisition are forest  
15 lands within unconfined channel migration zones or forest lands  
16 containing critical habitat for threatened or endangered species as  
17 designated by the board. Once acquired, these lands may be held and  
18 managed by the department, transferred to another state agency,  
19 transferred to an appropriate local government agency, or transferred  
20 to a private nonprofit nature conservancy corporation, as defined in  
21 RCW 64.04.130, in fee or transfer of management obligation. The board  
22 shall adopt rules governing the acquisition by the state or donation to  
23 the state of such interest in lands including the right of refusal if  
24 the lands are subject to unacceptable liabilities. The rules shall  
25 include definitions of qualifying lands, priorities for acquisition,  
26 and provide for the opportunity to transfer such lands with limited  
27 warranties and with a description of boundaries that does not require  
28 full surveys where the cost of securing the surveys would be  
29 unreasonable in relation to the value of the lands conveyed. The rules  
30 shall provide for the management of the lands for ecological protection  
31 or fisheries enhancement. For the purposes of conservation easements  
32 entered into under this section, the following apply:

33 (i) For conveyances of a conservation easement in which the  
34 landowner conveys an interest in the trees only, the compensation must  
35 include the timber value component, as determined by the cruised volume  
36 of any timber located within the channel migration zone or critical  
37 habitat for threatened or endangered species as designated by the

1 board, multiplied by the appropriate quality code stumpage value for  
2 timber of the same species shown on the appropriate table used for  
3 timber harvest excise tax purposes under RCW 84.33.091;

4 (ii) For conveyances of a conservation easement in which the  
5 landowner conveys interests in both land and trees, the compensation  
6 must include the timber value component in (a)(i) of this subsection  
7 plus such portion of the land value component as determined just and  
8 equitable by the department. The land value component must be the  
9 acreage of qualifying channel migration zone or critical habitat for  
10 threatened or endangered species as determined by the board, to be  
11 conveyed, multiplied by the average per acre value of all commercial  
12 forest land in western Washington or the average for eastern  
13 Washington, whichever average is applicable to the qualifying lands.  
14 The department must determine the western and eastern Washington  
15 averages based on the land value tables established by RCW 84.33.140  
16 and revised annually by the department of revenue.

17 (b) Subject to appropriations sufficient to cover the cost of such  
18 an acquisition program and the related costs of administering the  
19 program, the department must establish a conservation easement in land  
20 that an owner tenders for purchase; provided that such lands have been  
21 taxed as forest lands and are located within an unconfined channel  
22 migration zone or contain critical habitat for threatened or endangered  
23 species as designated by the board. Lands acquired under this section  
24 shall become riparian or habitat open space. These acquisitions shall  
25 not be deemed to trigger the compensating tax of chapters 84.33 and  
26 84.34 RCW.

27 (c) Instead of offering to sell interests in qualifying lands,  
28 owners may elect to donate the interests to the state.

29 (d) Any acquired interest in qualifying lands by the state under  
30 this section shall be managed as riparian open space or critical  
31 habitat.

32 **Sec. 15.** RCW 76.09.050 and 2010 c 210 s 20 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The board shall establish by rule which forest practices shall  
35 be included within each of the following classes:

36 Class I: Minimal or specific forest practices that have no direct  
37 potential for damaging a public resource and that may be conducted

1 without submitting an application or a notification except that when  
2 the regulating authority is transferred to a local governmental entity,  
3 those Class I forest practices that involve timber harvesting or road  
4 construction within "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to  
5 chapter 36.70A RCW, are processed as Class IV forest practices, but are  
6 not subject to environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW;

7 Class II: Forest practices which have a less than ordinary  
8 potential for damaging a public resource that may be conducted without  
9 submitting an application and may begin five calendar days, or such  
10 lesser time as the department may determine, after written notification  
11 by the operator, in the manner, content, and form as prescribed by the  
12 department, is received by the department. However, the work may not  
13 begin until all forest practice fees required under RCW 76.09.065 have  
14 been received by the department. Class II shall not include forest  
15 practices:

16 (a) On lands platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter  
17 58.17 RCW or on lands that have or are being converted to another use;

18 (b) Which require approvals under the provisions of the hydraulics  
19 act, RCW 77.55.021;

20 (c) Within "shorelines of the state" as defined in RCW 90.58.030;

21 (d) Excluded from Class II by the board; or

22 (e) Including timber harvesting or road construction within "urban  
23 growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, which are  
24 Class IV;

25 Class III: Forest practices other than those contained in Class I,  
26 II, or IV. A Class III application must be approved or disapproved by  
27 the department within thirty calendar days from the date the department  
28 receives the application. However, the applicant may not begin work on  
29 that forest practice until all forest practice fees required under RCW  
30 76.09.065 have been received by the department;

31 Class IV: Forest practices other than those contained in Class I  
32 or II: (a) On lands platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in  
33 chapter 58.17 RCW, (b) on lands that have or are being converted to  
34 another use, (c) on lands which, pursuant to RCW 76.09.070 as now or  
35 hereafter amended, are not to be reforested because of the likelihood  
36 of future conversion to urban development, (d) involving timber  
37 harvesting or road construction on lands that are contained within  
38 "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except

1 where the forest landowner provides: (i) A written statement of intent  
2 signed by the forest landowner not to convert to a use other than  
3 commercial forest product operations for ten years, accompanied by  
4 either a written forest management plan acceptable to the department or  
5 documentation that the land is enrolled under the provisions of chapter  
6 84.33 RCW; or (ii) a conversion option harvest plan approved by the  
7 local governmental entity and submitted to the department as part of  
8 the application, and/or (e) which have a potential for a substantial  
9 impact on the environment and therefore require an evaluation by the  
10 department as to whether or not a detailed statement must be prepared  
11 pursuant to the state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW.  
12 Such evaluation shall be made within ten days from the date the  
13 department receives the application: PROVIDED, That nothing herein  
14 shall be construed to prevent any local or regional governmental entity  
15 from determining that a detailed statement must be prepared for an  
16 action pursuant to a Class IV forest practice taken by that  
17 governmental entity concerning the land on which forest practices will  
18 be conducted. A Class IV application must be approved or disapproved  
19 by the department within thirty calendar days from the date the  
20 department receives the application, unless the department determines  
21 that a detailed statement must be made, in which case the application  
22 must be approved or disapproved by the department within sixty calendar  
23 days from the date the department receives the application, unless the  
24 commissioner of public lands, through the promulgation of a formal  
25 order, determines that the process cannot be completed within such  
26 period. However, the applicant may not begin work on that forest  
27 practice until all forest practice fees required under RCW 76.09.065  
28 have been received by the department.

29 Forest practices under Classes I, II, and III are exempt from the  
30 requirements for preparation of a detailed statement under the state  
31 environmental policy act.

32 (2) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local  
33 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, no Class  
34 II, Class III, or Class IV forest practice shall be commenced or  
35 continued after January 1, 1975, unless the department has received a  
36 notification with regard to a Class II forest practice or approved an  
37 application with regard to a Class III or Class IV forest practice  
38 containing all information required by RCW 76.09.060 as now or

1 hereafter amended. However, in the event forest practices regulations  
2 necessary for the scheduled implementation of this chapter and RCW  
3 90.48.420 have not been adopted in time to meet such schedules, the  
4 department shall have the authority to regulate forest practices and  
5 approve applications on such terms and conditions consistent with this  
6 chapter and RCW 90.48.420 and the purposes and policies of RCW  
7 76.09.010 until applicable forest practices regulations are in effect.

8 (3) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local  
9 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, if a  
10 notification or application is delivered in person to the department by  
11 the operator or the operator's agent, the department shall immediately  
12 provide a dated receipt thereof. In all other cases, the department  
13 shall immediately mail a dated receipt to the operator.

14 (4) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local  
15 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, forest  
16 practices shall be conducted in accordance with the forest practices  
17 regulations, orders and directives as authorized by this chapter or the  
18 forest practices regulations, and the terms and conditions of any  
19 approved applications.

20 (5) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local  
21 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, the  
22 department of natural resources shall notify the applicant in writing  
23 of either its approval of the application or its disapproval of the  
24 application and the specific manner in which the application fails to  
25 comply with the provisions of this section or with the forest practices  
26 regulations. Except as provided otherwise in this section, if the  
27 department fails to either approve or disapprove an application or any  
28 portion thereof within the applicable time limit, the application shall  
29 be deemed approved and the operation may be commenced: PROVIDED, That  
30 this provision shall not apply to applications which are neither  
31 approved nor disapproved pursuant to the provisions of subsection (7)  
32 of this section: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if seasonal field conditions  
33 prevent the department from being able to properly evaluate the  
34 application, the department may issue an approval conditional upon  
35 further review within sixty days: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the  
36 department shall have until April 1, 1975, to approve or disapprove an  
37 application involving forest practices allowed to continue to April 1,  
38 1975, under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section. Upon

1 receipt of any notification or any satisfactorily completed application  
2 the department shall in any event no later than two business days after  
3 such receipt transmit a copy to the (~~departments of ecology and fish~~  
4 ~~and wildlife, and to the~~) county, city, or town in whose jurisdiction  
5 the forest practice is to be commenced. (~~Any comments by such~~  
6 ~~agencies shall be directed to the department of natural resources.~~)

7 (6) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
8 department, if the county, city, or town believes that an application  
9 is inconsistent with this chapter, the forest practices regulations, or  
10 any local authority consistent with RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter  
11 amended, it may so notify the department and the applicant, specifying  
12 its objections.

13 (7) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
14 department, the department shall not approve portions of applications  
15 to which a county, city, or town objects if:

16 (a) The department receives written notice from the county, city,  
17 or town of such objections within fourteen business days from the time  
18 of transmittal of the application to the county, city, or town, or one  
19 day before the department acts on the application, whichever is later;  
20 and

21 (b) The objections relate to lands either:

22 (i) Platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter 58.17  
23 RCW; or

24 (ii) On lands that have or are being converted to another use.

25 The department shall either disapprove those portions of such  
26 application or appeal the county, city, or town objections to the  
27 appeals board. If the objections related to subparagraphs (b)(i) and  
28 (ii) of this subsection are based on local authority consistent with  
29 RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter amended, the department shall  
30 disapprove the application until such time as the county, city, or town  
31 consents to its approval or such disapproval is reversed on appeal.  
32 The applicant shall be a party to all department appeals of county,  
33 city, or town objections. Unless the county, city, or town either  
34 consents or has waived its rights under this subsection, the department  
35 shall not approve portions of an application affecting such lands until  
36 the minimum time for county, city, or town objections has expired.

37 (8) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
38 department, in addition to any rights under the above paragraph, the

1 county, city, or town may appeal any department approval of an  
2 application with respect to any lands within its jurisdiction. The  
3 appeals board may suspend the department's approval in whole or in part  
4 pending such appeal where there exists potential for immediate and  
5 material damage to a public resource.

6 (9) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
7 department, appeals under this section shall be made to the appeals  
8 board in the manner and time provided in RCW 76.09.205. In such  
9 appeals there shall be no presumption of correctness of either the  
10 county, city, or town or the department position.

11 (10) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
12 department, the department shall, within four business days notify the  
13 county, city, or town of all notifications, approvals, and disapprovals  
14 of an application affecting lands within the county, city, or town,  
15 except to the extent the county, city, or town has waived its right to  
16 such notice.

17 (11) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the  
18 department, a county, city, or town may waive in whole or in part its  
19 rights under this section, and may withdraw or modify any such waiver,  
20 at any time by written notice to the department.

21 (12) Notwithstanding subsections (2) through (5) of this section,  
22 forest practices applications or notifications are not required for  
23 exotic insect and disease control operations conducted in accordance  
24 with RCW 76.09.060(8) where eradication can reasonably be expected.

25 **Sec. 16.** RCW 76.09.060 and 2007 c 480 s 11 and 2007 c 106 s 1 are  
26 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (1) The department shall prescribe the form and contents of the  
28 notification and application. The forest practices rules shall specify  
29 by whom and under what conditions the notification and application  
30 shall be signed or otherwise certified as acceptable. Activities  
31 conducted by the department or a contractor under the direction of the  
32 department under the provisions of RCW 76.04.660, shall be exempt from  
33 the landowner signature requirement on any forest practice application  
34 required to be filed. The application or notification shall be  
35 delivered in person to the department, sent by first-class mail to the  
36 department or electronically filed in a form defined by the department.

1 The form for electronic filing shall be readily convertible to a paper  
2 copy, which shall be available to the public pursuant to chapter 42.56  
3 RCW. The information required may include, but is not limited to:

4 (a) Name and address of the forest landowner, timber owner, and  
5 operator;

6 (b) Description of the proposed forest practice or practices to be  
7 conducted;

8 (c) Legal description and tax parcel identification numbers of the  
9 land on which the forest practices are to be conducted;

10 (d) Planimetric and topographic maps showing location and size of  
11 all lakes and streams and other public waters in and immediately  
12 adjacent to the operating area and showing all existing and proposed  
13 roads and major tractor roads;

14 (e) Description of the silvicultural, harvesting, or other forest  
15 practice methods to be used, including the type of equipment to be used  
16 and materials to be applied;

17 (f) Proposed plan for reforestation and for any revegetation  
18 necessary to reduce erosion potential from roadsides and yarding roads,  
19 as required by the forest practices rules;

20 (g) Soil, geological, and hydrological data with respect to forest  
21 practices;

22 (h) The expected dates of commencement and completion of all forest  
23 practices specified in the application;

24 (i) Provisions for continuing maintenance of roads and other  
25 construction or other measures necessary to afford protection to public  
26 resources;

27 (j) An affirmation that the statements contained in the  
28 notification or application are true; and

29 (k) All necessary application or notification fees.

30 (2) Long range plans may be submitted to the department for review  
31 and consultation.

32 (3) The application for a forest practice or the notification of a  
33 forest practice is subject to the reforestation requirement of RCW  
34 76.09.070.

35 (a) If the application states that any land will be or is intended  
36 to be converted:

37 (i) The reforestation requirements of this chapter and of the



1 forest practices rules shall not apply if the land is in fact converted  
2 unless applicable alternatives or limitations are provided in forest  
3 practices rules issued under RCW 76.09.070;

4 (ii) Completion of such forest practice operations shall be deemed  
5 conversion of the lands to another use for purposes of chapters 84.33  
6 and 84.34 RCW unless the conversion is to a use permitted under a  
7 current use tax agreement permitted under chapter 84.34 RCW;

8 (iii) The forest practices described in the application are subject  
9 to applicable county, city, town, and regional governmental authority  
10 permitted under RCW 76.09.240 as well as the forest practices rules.

11 (b) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, if the landowner  
12 harvests without an approved application or notification or the  
13 landowner does not state that any land covered by the application or  
14 notification will be or is intended to be converted, and the department  
15 or the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity becomes  
16 aware of conversion activities to a use other than commercial timber  
17 operations, as that term is defined in RCW 76.09.020, then the  
18 department shall send to (~~the department of ecology and~~) the  
19 appropriate county, city, town, and regional governmental entities the  
20 following documents:

21 (i) A notice of a conversion to nonforestry use;

22 (ii) A copy of the applicable forest practices application or  
23 notification, if any; and

24 (iii) Copies of any applicable outstanding final orders or  
25 decisions issued by the department related to the forest practices  
26 application or notification.

27 (c) Failure to comply with the reforestation requirements contained  
28 in any final order or decision shall constitute a removal of  
29 designation under the provisions of RCW 84.33.140, and a change of use  
30 under the provisions of RCW 84.34.080, and, if applicable, shall  
31 subject such lands to the payments and/or penalties resulting from such  
32 removals or changes.

33 (d) Conversion to a use other than commercial forest product  
34 operations within six years after approval of the forest practices  
35 application or notification without the consent of the county, city, or  
36 town shall constitute a violation of each of the county, municipal  
37 city, town, and regional authorities to which the forest practice

1 operations would have been subject if the application had stated an  
2 intent to convert.

3 (e) Land that is the subject of a notice of conversion to a  
4 nonforestry use produced by the department and sent to the department  
5 of ecology and a local government under this subsection is subject to  
6 the development prohibition and conditions provided in RCW 76.09.460.

7 (f) Landowners who have not stated an intent to convert the land  
8 covered by an application or notification and who decide to convert the  
9 land to a nonforestry use within six years of receiving an approved  
10 application or notification must do so in a manner consistent with RCW  
11 76.09.470.

12 (g) The application or notification must include a statement  
13 requiring an acknowledgment by the forest landowner of his or her  
14 intent with respect to conversion and acknowledging that he or she is  
15 familiar with the effects of this subsection.

16 (4) Whenever an approved application authorizes a forest practice  
17 which, because of soil condition, proximity to a water course or other  
18 unusual factor, has a potential for causing material damage to a public  
19 resource, as determined by the department, the applicant shall, when  
20 requested on the approved application, notify the department two days  
21 before the commencement of actual operations.

22 (5) Before the operator commences any forest practice in a manner  
23 or to an extent significantly different from that described in a  
24 previously approved application or notification, there shall be  
25 submitted to the department a new application or notification form in  
26 the manner set forth in this section.

27 (6) Except as provided in RCW 76.09.350(4), the notification to or  
28 the approval given by the department to an application to conduct a  
29 forest practice shall be effective for a term of two years from the  
30 date of approval or notification and shall not be renewed unless a new  
31 application is filed and approved or a new notification has been filed.  
32 At the option of the applicant, an application or notification may be  
33 submitted to cover a single forest practice or a number of forest  
34 practices within reasonable geographic or political boundaries as  
35 specified by the department. An application or notification that  
36 covers more than one forest practice may have an effective term of more  
37 than two years. The board shall adopt rules that establish standards  
38 and procedures for approving an application or notification that has an

1 effective term of more than two years. Such rules shall include  
2 extended time periods for application or notification approval or  
3 disapproval. On an approved application with a term of more than two  
4 years, the applicant shall inform the department before commencing  
5 operations.

6 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no prior  
7 application or notification shall be required for any emergency forest  
8 practice necessitated by fire, flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other  
9 emergency as defined by the board, but the operator shall submit an  
10 application or notification, whichever is applicable, to the department  
11 within forty-eight hours after commencement of such practice or as  
12 required by local regulations.

13 (8) Forest practices applications or notifications are not required  
14 for forest practices conducted to control exotic forest insect or  
15 disease outbreaks, when conducted by or under the direction of the  
16 department of agriculture in carrying out an order of the governor or  
17 director of the department of agriculture to implement pest control  
18 measures as authorized under chapter 17.24 RCW, and are not required  
19 when conducted by or under the direction of the department in carrying  
20 out emergency measures under a forest health emergency declaration by  
21 the commissioner of public lands as provided in RCW 76.06.130.

22 (a) For the purposes of this subsection, exotic forest insect or  
23 disease has the same meaning as defined in RCW 76.06.020.

24 (b) In order to minimize adverse impacts to public resources,  
25 control measures must be based on integrated pest management, as  
26 defined in RCW 17.15.010, and must follow forest practices rules  
27 relating to road construction and maintenance, timber harvest, and  
28 forest chemicals, to the extent possible without compromising control  
29 objectives.

30 (c) Agencies conducting or directing control efforts must provide  
31 advance notice to the appropriate regulatory staff of the department of  
32 the operations that would be subject to exemption from forest practices  
33 application or notification requirements.

34 (d) When the appropriate regulatory staff of the department are  
35 notified under (c) of this subsection, they must consult with the  
36 landowner, interested agencies, and affected tribes, and assist the  
37 notifying agencies in the development of integrated pest management

1 plans that comply with forest practices rules as required under (b) of  
2 this subsection.

3 (e) Nothing under this subsection relieves agencies conducting or  
4 directing control efforts from requirements of the federal clean water  
5 act as administered by the department of ecology under RCW 90.48.260.

6 (f) Forest lands where trees have been cut as part of an exotic  
7 forest insect or disease control effort under this subsection are  
8 subject to reforestation requirements under RCW 76.09.070.

9 (g) The exemption from obtaining approved forest practices  
10 applications or notifications does not apply to forest practices  
11 conducted after the governor, the director of the department of  
12 agriculture, or the commissioner of public lands have declared that an  
13 emergency no longer exists because control objectives have been met,  
14 that there is no longer an imminent threat, or that there is no longer  
15 a good likelihood of control.

16 **Sec. 17.** RCW 76.09.100 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 200 s 7 are each  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 If the department (~~(of ecology)~~) determines that a person has  
19 failed to comply with the forest practices regulations relating to  
20 water quality protection, and (~~(that the department of natural~~  
21 ~~resources has not issued a stop work order or notice to comply, the~~  
22 ~~department of ecology shall inform the department thereof. If)~~) the  
23 department of natural resources fails to take authorized enforcement  
24 action within twenty-four hours under RCW 76.09.080, 76.09.090,  
25 76.09.120, or 76.09.130, the (~~(department of ecology may petition to~~  
26 ~~the chairman)~~) chair of the appeals board(~~(, who)~~) shall, within forty-  
27 eight hours, either deny (~~(the petition)~~) further consideration or  
28 direct the department of natural resources to immediately issue a stop  
29 work order or notice to comply, or to impose a penalty. No civil or  
30 criminal penalties shall be imposed for past actions or omissions if  
31 such actions or omissions were conducted pursuant to an approval or  
32 directive of the department of natural resources.

33 **Sec. 18.** RCW 76.09.150 and 2000 c 11 s 7 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 (1) The department shall make inspections of forest lands, before,  
36 during and after the conducting of forest practices as necessary for

1 the purpose of ensuring compliance with this chapter and the forest  
2 practices rules and to ensure that no material damage occurs to the  
3 natural resources of this state as a result of such practices.

4 (2) Any duly authorized representative of the department shall have  
5 the right to enter upon forest land at any reasonable time to enforce  
6 the provisions of this chapter and the forest practices rules.

7 (3) The department (~~(or the department of ecology)~~) may apply for  
8 an administrative inspection warrant to either Thurston county superior  
9 court, or the superior court in the county in which the property is  
10 located. An administrative inspection warrant may be issued where:

11 (a) The department has attempted an inspection of forest lands  
12 under this chapter to ensure compliance with this chapter and the  
13 forest practices rules or to ensure that no potential or actual  
14 material damage occurs to the natural resources of this state, and  
15 access to all or part of the forest lands has been actually or  
16 constructively denied; or

17 (b) The department has reasonable cause to believe that a violation  
18 of this chapter or of rules adopted under this chapter is occurring or  
19 has occurred.

20 (4) In connection with any watershed analysis, any review of a  
21 pending application by an identification team appointed by the  
22 department, any compliance studies, any effectiveness monitoring, or  
23 other research that has been agreed to by a landowner, the department  
24 may invite representatives of other agencies, tribes, and interest  
25 groups to accompany a department representative and, at the landowner's  
26 election, the landowner, on any such inspections. Reasonable efforts  
27 shall be made by the department to notify the landowner of the persons  
28 being invited onto the property and the purposes for which they are  
29 being invited.

30 **Sec. 19.** RCW 76.09.260 and 1974 ex.s. c 137 s 26 are each amended  
31 to read as follows:

32 The department shall represent the state's interest in matters  
33 pertaining to forestry and forest practices, including federal matters  
34 and, except as otherwise provided in RCW 90.48.260, matters relating to  
35 representing the state for the purposes of the federal water pollution  
36 control act as it relates to forest practices, and may consult with and  
37 cooperate with the federal government and other states, as well as

1 other public agencies, in the study and enhancement of forestry and  
2 forest practices. The department is authorized to accept, receive,  
3 disburse, and administer grants or other funds or gifts from any  
4 source, including private individuals or agencies, the federal  
5 government, and other public agencies for the purposes of carrying out  
6 the provisions of this chapter.

7 ~~((Nothing in this chapter shall modify the designation of the  
8 department of ecology as the agency representing the state for all  
9 purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.))~~

10 **Sec. 20.** RCW 76.09.470 and 2007 c 106 s 3 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 (1) If a landowner who did not state an intent to convert his or  
13 her land to a nonforestry use decides to convert his or her land to a  
14 nonforestry use within six years of receiving an approved forest  
15 practices application or notification under this chapter, the landowner  
16 must:

17 (a) Stop all forest practices activities on the parcels subject to  
18 the proposed land use conversion to a nonforestry use;

19 (b) Contact the ~~((department of ecology and the))~~ applicable  
20 county, city, town, or regional governmental entity to begin the  
21 permitting process; and

22 (c) Notify the department and withdraw any applicable applications  
23 or notifications or request a new application for conversion.

24 (2) Upon being contacted by a landowner under this section, the  
25 county, city, town, or regional governmental entity must:

26 (a) Notify the department and request from the department the  
27 status of any applicable forest practices applications, notifications,  
28 or final orders or decisions; and

29 (b) Complete the following activities:

30 (i) Require that the landowner be in full compliance with chapter  
31 43.21C RCW, if applicable;

32 (ii) Receive notification from the department that the landowner  
33 has resolved any outstanding final orders or decisions issued by the  
34 department; and

35 (iii) Make a determination as to whether or not the condition of  
36 the land in question is in full compliance with local ordinances and  
37 regulations. If full compliance is not found, a mitigation plan to

1 address violations of local ordinances or regulations must be required  
2 for the parcel in question by the county, city, town, or regional  
3 governmental entity. Required mitigation plans must be prepared by the  
4 landowner and approved by the county, city, town, or regional  
5 governmental entity. Once approved, the mitigation plan must be  
6 implemented by the landowner. Mitigation measures that may be required  
7 include, but are not limited to, revegetation requirements to plant and  
8 maintain trees of sufficient maturity and appropriate species  
9 composition to restore critical area and buffer function or to be in  
10 compliance with applicable local government regulations.

11 **Sec. 21.** RCW 90.64.010 and 2009 c 143 s 2 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions  
14 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
15 clearly requires otherwise.

16 (1) "Advisory and oversight committee" means a balanced committee  
17 of agency, dairy farm, and interest group representatives convened to  
18 provide oversight and direction to the dairy nutrient management  
19 program.

20 (2) "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from  
21 any portion of a treatment facility.

22 (3) "Catastrophic" means a tornado, hurricane, earthquake, flood,  
23 or other extreme condition that causes an overflow from a required  
24 waste retention structure.

25 (4) "Certification" means:

26 (a) The acknowledgment by a local conservation district that a  
27 dairy producer has constructed or otherwise put in place the elements  
28 necessary to implement his or her dairy nutrient management plan; and

29 (b) The acknowledgment by a dairy producer that he or she is  
30 managing dairy nutrients as specified in his or her approved dairy  
31 nutrient management plan.

32 (5) "Chronic" means a series of wet weather events that precludes  
33 the proper operation of a dairy nutrient management system that is  
34 designed for the current herd size.

35 (6) "Conservation commission" or "commission" means the  
36 conservation commission under chapter 89.08 RCW.

1 (7) "Conservation districts" or "district" means a subdivision of  
2 state government organized under chapter 89.08 RCW.

3 (8) "Concentrated dairy animal feeding operation" means a dairy  
4 animal feeding operation subject to regulation under this chapter which  
5 the director designates under RCW 90.64.020 or meets the following  
6 criteria:

7 (a) Has more than seven hundred mature dairy cows, whether milked  
8 or dry cows, that are confined; or

9 (b) Has more than two hundred head of mature dairy cattle, whether  
10 milked or dry cows, that are confined and either:

11 (i) From which pollutants are discharged into navigable waters  
12 through a manmade ditch, flushing system, or other similar manmade  
13 device; or

14 (ii) From which pollutants are discharged directly into surface or  
15 ground waters of the state that originate outside of and pass over,  
16 across, or through the facility or otherwise come into direct contact  
17 with the animals confined in the operation.

18 (9) "Dairy animal feeding operation" means a lot or facility where  
19 the following conditions are met:

20 (a) Dairy animals that have been, are, or will be stabled or  
21 confined and fed for a total of forty-five days or more in any twelve-  
22 month period; and

23 (b) Crops, vegetation forage growth, or postharvest residues are  
24 not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot  
25 or facility. Two or more dairy animal feeding operations under common  
26 ownership are considered, for the purposes of this chapter, to be a  
27 single dairy animal feeding operation if they adjoin each other or if  
28 they use a common area for land application of wastes.

29 (10) "Dairy farm" means any farm that is licensed to produce milk  
30 under chapter 15.36 RCW.

31 (11) "Dairy nutrient" means any organic waste produced by dairy  
32 cows or a dairy farm operation.

33 (12) "Dairy nutrient management plan" means a plan meeting the  
34 requirements established under RCW 90.64.026.

35 (13) "Dairy producer" means a person who owns or operates a dairy  
36 farm.

37 (14) "Department" means the department of (~~ecology under chapter~~  
38 ~~43.21A RCW~~) agriculture.



1 (15) "Director" means the director of the department (~~of~~  
2 ~~ecology,~~) or his or her designee.

3 (16) "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is an  
4 unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit  
5 effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control  
6 of the dairy. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent  
7 caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities,  
8 inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or  
9 careless or improper operation.

10 (17) "Violation" means the following acts or omissions:

11 (a) A discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state, except  
12 those discharges that are due to a chronic or catastrophic event, or to  
13 an upset as provided in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 122.41, or to a bypass as  
14 provided in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 122.41, and that occur when:

15 (i) A dairy producer has a current national pollutant discharge  
16 elimination system permit with a wastewater system designed, operated,  
17 and maintained for the current herd size and that contains all process-  
18 generated wastewater plus average annual precipitation minus  
19 evaporation plus contaminated storm water runoff from a twenty-five  
20 year, twenty-four hour rainfall event for that specific location, and  
21 the dairy producer has complied with all permit conditions, including  
22 dairy nutrient management plan conditions for appropriate land  
23 application practices; or

24 (ii) A dairy producer does not have a national pollutant discharge  
25 elimination system permit, but has complied with all of the elements of  
26 a dairy nutrient management plan that: Prevents the discharge of  
27 pollutants to waters of the state, is commensurate with the dairy  
28 producer's current herd size, and is approved and certified under RCW  
29 90.64.026;

30 (b) Failure to register as required under RCW 90.64.017;

31 (c)(i) Until July 1, 2011, failure to keep for a period of three  
32 years all records necessary to show that applications of nutrients to  
33 the land were within acceptable agronomic rates, unless otherwise  
34 required by law; and

35 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2011, failure to keep for a period of five  
36 years all records necessary to show that applications of nutrients to  
37 the land were within acceptable agronomic rates;

1 (d) The lack of an approved dairy nutrient management plan by July  
2 1, 2002; or

3 (e) The lack of a certified dairy nutrient management plan for a  
4 dairy farm after December 31, 2003.

5 **Sec. 22.** RCW 90.64.020 and 1993 c 221 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director of the department (~~(of ecology)~~) may designate any  
8 dairy animal feeding operation as a concentrated dairy animal feeding  
9 operation upon determining that it is a significant contributor of  
10 pollution to the surface or ground waters of the state. In making this  
11 designation the director shall consider the following factors:

12 (a) The size of the animal feeding operation and the amount of  
13 wastes reaching waters of the state;

14 (b) The location of the animal feeding operation relative to waters  
15 of the state;

16 (c) The means of conveyance of animal wastes and process waters  
17 into the waters of the state;

18 (d) The slope, vegetation, rainfall, and other factors affecting  
19 the likelihood or frequency of discharge of animal wastes and process  
20 waste waters into the waters of the state; and

21 (e) Other relevant factors as established by the department by  
22 rule.

23 (2) A notice of intent to apply for a permit shall not be required  
24 from a concentrated dairy animal feeding operation designated under  
25 this section until the director has conducted an on-site inspection of  
26 the operation and determined that the operation should and could be  
27 regulated under the permit program.

28 **Sec. 23.** RCW 90.64.170 and 2005 c 510 s 1 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) The legislature finds that a livestock nutrient management  
31 program is essential to protecting the quality of the waters of the  
32 state and ensuring a healthy and productive livestock industry.

33 (2) The department(~~(s of agriculture and ecology)~~) shall examine  
34 (~~(their)~~) its current statutory authorities and provide the legislature  
35 with recommendations for statutory changes to fully implement a  
36 livestock nutrient management program within the department (~~(of~~

1 agriculture)) for concentrated animal feeding operations, animal  
2 feeding operations, and dairies, as authorized in RCW 90.48.260(~~(~~  
3 ~~90.64.813,~~) and 90.64.901. (~~In developing recommended statutory~~  
4 ~~changes, the departments shall consult with the livestock nutrient~~  
5 ~~management program development and oversight committee created in RCW~~  
6 ~~90.64.813.~~) The recommendations must be submitted to the legislature  
7 by the department(~~s of agriculture and ecology~~) prior to applying to  
8 the environmental protection agency for delegated authority to  
9 administer the CAFO portion of the national pollutant discharge  
10 elimination system permit program under the federal clean water act.

11 (3) For purposes of chapter 510, Laws of 2005, animal feeding  
12 operations (AFOs) and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)  
13 have the same meaning as defined in 40 C.F.R. 122.23.

14 (4) This section applies to all operations that meet the definition  
15 of an AFO. This section does not apply to true pasture and rangeland  
16 operations that do not meet the definition of AFO, however, such  
17 operations may have confinement areas that may qualify as an AFO.

18 **Sec. 24.** RCW 90.48.260 and 2007 c 341 s 55 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 (1) Unless otherwise designated by law, the department of ecology  
21 is hereby designated as the state water pollution control agency for  
22 all purposes of the federal clean water act as it exists on February 4,  
23 1987, and is hereby authorized to participate fully in the programs of  
24 the act as well as to take all action necessary to secure to the state  
25 the benefits and to meet the requirements of that act. (~~With regard~~  
26 ~~to the national estuary program established by section 320 of that act,~~  
27 ~~the department shall exercise its responsibility jointly with the Puget~~  
28 ~~Sound partnership, created in RCW 90.71.210.)~~)

29 (2)(a) The department of ecology (~~may~~) shall delegate its  
30 authority under this chapter, including its national pollutant  
31 discharge elimination permit system authority and other duties  
32 regarding water quality to the following agencies for the following  
33 programs:

34 (i) Animal feeding operations and concentrated animal feeding  
35 operations(~~(~~) to the department of agriculture; and

36 (ii) Forest practices to the department of natural resources and  
37 the forest practices board.

1        (b) All delegations of authority must be executed through a  
2 memorandum of understanding. Until any such delegation receives  
3 federal approval, the department of agriculture's adoption or issuance  
4 of animal feeding operation and concentrated animal feeding operation  
5 rules, permits, programs, and directives pertaining to water quality  
6 and the adoption of forest practices rules, permits programs, or  
7 directions pertaining to water quality shall be accomplished after  
8 reaching agreement with the director of the department of ecology.

9        (c) Adoption or issuance and implementation of this subsection  
10 shall be accomplished so that compliance with such animal feeding  
11 operation and concentrated animal feeding operation and forest  
12 practices rules, permits, programs, and directives will achieve  
13 compliance with all federal and state water pollution control laws.

14        (3) The powers granted ((herein)) by this section include, among  
15 others, and notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 90.48 RCW  
16 or otherwise, the following:

17        ~~((+1))~~ (a) Complete authority to establish and administer a  
18 comprehensive state point source waste discharge or pollution discharge  
19 elimination permit program which will enable the department to qualify  
20 for full participation in any national waste discharge or pollution  
21 discharge elimination permit system and will allow the department to be  
22 the sole agency issuing permits required by such national system  
23 operating in the state of Washington subject to the provisions of RCW  
24 90.48.262(2). Program elements authorized herein may include, but are  
25 not limited to:    ~~((+a))~~ (i) Effluent treatment and limitation  
26 requirements together with timing requirements related thereto; ~~((+b))~~  
27 (ii) applicable receiving water quality standards requirements; ~~((+c))~~  
28 (iii) requirements of standards of performance for new sources; ~~((+d))~~  
29 (iv) pretreatment requirements; ~~((+e))~~ (v) termination and  
30 modification of permits for cause; ~~((+f))~~ (vi) requirements for public  
31 notices and opportunities for public hearings; ~~((+g))~~ (vii)  
32 appropriate relationships with the secretary of the army in the  
33 administration of ~~((his))~~ the secretary of the army's responsibilities  
34 which relate to anchorage and navigation, with the administrator of the  
35 environmental protection agency in the performance of ~~((his))~~ the  
36 administrator's duties, and with other governmental officials under the  
37 federal clean water act; ~~((+h))~~ (viii) requirements for inspection,  
38 monitoring, entry, and reporting; ~~((+i))~~ (ix) enforcement of the

1 program through penalties, emergency powers, and criminal sanctions;  
2 ~~((+j))~~ (x) a continuing planning process; and ~~((+k))~~ (xi) user  
3 charges.

4 ~~((+2))~~ (b) The power to establish and administer state programs in  
5 a manner which will ~~((insure))~~ ensure the procurement of moneys,  
6 whether in the form of grants, loans, or otherwise; to assist in the  
7 construction, operation, and maintenance of various water pollution  
8 control facilities and works; and the administering of various state  
9 water pollution control management, regulatory, and enforcement  
10 programs.

11 ~~((+3))~~ (c) The power to develop and implement appropriate programs  
12 pertaining to continuing planning processes, area-wide waste treatment  
13 management plans, and basin planning.

14 (4) The governor shall have authority to perform those actions  
15 required of him or her by the federal clean water act.

16 **Sec. 25.** RCW 77.55.021 and 2010 c 210 s 27 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Except as provided in RCW 77.55.031, 77.55.051, ~~((and))~~  
19 77.55.041, and section 13 of this act, in the event that any person or  
20 government agency desires to undertake a hydraulic project, the person  
21 or government agency shall, before commencing work thereon, secure the  
22 approval of the department in the form of a permit as to the adequacy  
23 of the means proposed for the protection of fish life.

24 (2) A complete written application for a permit may be submitted in  
25 person or by registered mail and must contain the following:

26 (a) General plans for the overall project;

27 (b) Complete plans and specifications of the proposed construction  
28 or work within the mean higher high water line in saltwater or within  
29 the ordinary high water line in freshwater;

30 (c) Complete plans and specifications for the proper protection of  
31 fish life; and

32 (d) Notice of compliance with any applicable requirements of the  
33 state environmental policy act, unless otherwise provided for in this  
34 chapter.

35 (3)(a) Protection of fish life is the only ground upon which  
36 approval of a permit may be denied or conditioned. Approval of a  
37 permit may not be unreasonably withheld or unreasonably conditioned.

1 Except as provided in this subsection and subsections (8), (10), and  
2 (12) of this section, the department has forty-five calendar days upon  
3 receipt of a complete application to grant or deny approval of a  
4 permit. The forty-five day requirement is suspended if:

5 (i) After ten working days of receipt of the application, the  
6 applicant remains unavailable or unable to arrange for a timely field  
7 evaluation of the proposed project;

8 (ii) The site is physically inaccessible for inspection;

9 (iii) The applicant requests a delay; or

10 (iv) The department is issuing a permit for a storm water discharge  
11 and is complying with the requirements of RCW 77.55.161(3)(b).

12 (b) Immediately upon determination that the forty-five day period  
13 is suspended, the department shall notify the applicant in writing of  
14 the reasons for the delay.

15 (c) The period of forty-five calendar days may be extended if the  
16 permit is part of a multiagency permit streamlining effort and all  
17 participating permitting agencies and the permit applicant agree to an  
18 extended timeline longer than forty-five calendar days.

19 (4) If the department denies approval of a permit, the department  
20 shall provide the applicant a written statement of the specific reasons  
21 why and how the proposed project would adversely affect fish life.

22 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, issuance, denial,  
23 conditioning, or modification of a permit shall be appealable to the  
24 board within thirty days from the date of receipt of the decision as  
25 provided in RCW 43.21B.230.

26 (b) Issuance, denial, conditioning, or modification of a permit may  
27 be informally appealed to the department within thirty days from the  
28 date of receipt of the decision. Requests for informal appeals must be  
29 filed in the form and manner prescribed by the department by rule. A  
30 permit decision that has been informally appealed to the department is  
31 appealable to the board within thirty days from the date of receipt of  
32 the department's decision on the informal appeal.

33 (5)(a) The permittee must demonstrate substantial progress on  
34 construction of that portion of the project relating to the permit  
35 within two years of the date of issuance.

36 (b) Approval of a permit is valid for a period of up to five years  
37 from the date of issuance, except as provided in (c) of this subsection  
38 and in RCW 77.55.151.

1 (c) A permit remains in effect without need for periodic renewal  
2 for hydraulic projects that divert water for agricultural irrigation or  
3 stock watering purposes and that involve seasonal construction or other  
4 work. A permit for streambank stabilization projects to protect farm  
5 and agricultural land as defined in RCW 84.34.020 remains in effect  
6 without need for periodic renewal if the problem causing the need for  
7 the streambank stabilization occurs on an annual or more frequent  
8 basis. The permittee must notify the appropriate agency before  
9 commencing the construction or other work within the area covered by  
10 the permit.

11 (6) The department may, after consultation with the permittee,  
12 modify a permit due to changed conditions. The modification is  
13 appealable as provided in subsection (4) of this section. For  
14 hydraulic projects that divert water for agricultural irrigation or  
15 stock watering purposes, or when the hydraulic project or other work is  
16 associated with streambank stabilization to protect farm and  
17 agricultural land as defined in RCW 84.34.020, the burden is on the  
18 department to show that changed conditions warrant the modification in  
19 order to protect fish life.

20 (7) A permittee may request modification of a permit due to changed  
21 conditions. The request must be processed within forty-five calendar  
22 days of receipt of the written request. A decision by the department  
23 is appealable as provided in subsection (4) of this section. For  
24 hydraulic projects that divert water for agricultural irrigation or  
25 stock watering purposes, or when the hydraulic project or other work is  
26 associated with streambank stabilization to protect farm and  
27 agricultural land as defined in RCW 84.34.020, the burden is on the  
28 permittee to show that changed conditions warrant the requested  
29 modification and that such a modification will not impair fish life.

30 (8)(a) The department, the county legislative authority, or the  
31 governor may declare and continue an emergency. If the county  
32 legislative authority declares an emergency under this subsection, it  
33 shall immediately notify the department. A declared state of emergency  
34 by the governor under RCW 43.06.010 shall constitute a declaration  
35 under this subsection.

36 (b) The department, through its authorized representatives, shall  
37 issue immediately, upon request, oral approval for a stream crossing,  
38 or work to remove any obstructions, repair existing structures, restore

1 streambanks, protect fish life, or protect property threatened by the  
2 stream or a change in the stream flow without the necessity of  
3 obtaining a written permit prior to commencing work. Conditions of the  
4 emergency oral permit must be established by the department and reduced  
5 to writing within thirty days and complied with as provided for in this  
6 chapter.

7 (c) The department may not require the provisions of the state  
8 environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW, to be met as a condition  
9 of issuing a permit under this subsection.

10 (9) All state and local agencies with authority under this chapter  
11 to issue permits or other authorizations in connection with emergency  
12 water withdrawals and facilities authorized under RCW 43.83B.410 shall  
13 expedite the processing of such permits or authorizations in keeping  
14 with the emergency nature of such requests and shall provide a decision  
15 to the applicant within fifteen calendar days of the date of  
16 application.

17 (10) The department or the county legislative authority may  
18 determine an imminent danger exists. The county legislative authority  
19 shall notify the department, in writing, if it determines that an  
20 imminent danger exists. In cases of imminent danger, the department  
21 shall issue an expedited written permit, upon request, for work to  
22 remove any obstructions, repair existing structures, restore banks,  
23 protect fish resources, or protect property. Expedited permit requests  
24 require a complete written application as provided in subsection (2) of  
25 this section and must be issued within fifteen calendar days of the  
26 receipt of a complete written application. Approval of an expedited  
27 permit is valid for up to sixty days from the date of issuance. The  
28 department may not require the provisions of the state environmental  
29 policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW, to be met as a condition of issuing a  
30 permit under this subsection.

31 (11)(a) For any property, except for property located on a marine  
32 shoreline, that has experienced at least two consecutive years of  
33 flooding or erosion that has damaged or has threatened to damage a  
34 major structure, water supply system, septic system, or access to any  
35 road or highway, the county legislative authority may determine that a  
36 chronic danger exists. The county legislative authority shall notify  
37 the department, in writing, when it determines that a chronic danger  
38 exists. In cases of chronic danger, the department shall issue a



1 permit, upon request, for work necessary to abate the chronic danger by  
2 removing any obstructions, repairing existing structures, restoring  
3 banks, restoring road or highway access, protecting fish resources, or  
4 protecting property. Permit requests must be made and processed in  
5 accordance with subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

6 (b) Any projects proposed to address a chronic danger identified  
7 under (a) of this subsection that satisfies the project description  
8 identified in RCW 77.55.181(1)(a)(ii) are not subject to the provisions  
9 of the state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW. However,  
10 the project is subject to the review process established in RCW  
11 77.55.181(3) as if it were a fish habitat improvement project.

12 (12) The department may issue an expedited written permit in those  
13 instances where normal permit processing would result in significant  
14 hardship for the applicant or unacceptable damage to the environment.  
15 Expedited permit requests require a complete written application as  
16 provided in subsection (2) of this section and must be issued within  
17 fifteen calendar days of the receipt of a complete written application.  
18 Approval of an expedited permit is valid for up to sixty days from the  
19 date of issuance. The department may not require the provisions of the  
20 state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW, to be met as a  
21 condition of issuing a permit under this subsection.

22 **Sec. 26.** RCW 77.12.755 and 2003 c 311 s 10 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 ~~((In coordination with the department of natural resources and lead~~  
25 ~~entity groups,))~~ The department must establish a ranked inventory of  
26 fish passage barriers on land owned by small forest landowners based on  
27 the principle of fixing the worst first within a watershed consistent  
28 with the fish passage priorities of the forest and fish report. The  
29 department shall first gather and synthesize all available existing  
30 information about the locations and impacts of fish passage barriers in  
31 Washington. This information must include, but not be limited to, the  
32 most recently available limiting factors analysis conducted pursuant to  
33 RCW 77.85.060(2), the stock status information contained in the  
34 department of fish and wildlife salmonid stock inventory (SASSI), the  
35 salmon and steelhead habitat inventory and assessment project (SSHIAP),  
36 and any comparable science-based assessment when available. The  
37 inventory of fish passage barriers must be kept current and at a

1 minimum be updated by the beginning of each calendar year. Nothing in  
2 this section grants the department or others additional right of entry  
3 onto private property.

4 **Sec. 27.** RCW 77.12.870 and 2010 c 193 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department(~~(, in partnership with the Northwest straits~~  
7 ~~commission, the department of natural resources, and other interested~~  
8 ~~parties,))~~) must create and ensure the maintenance of a database of  
9 known derelict fishing gear and shellfish pots, including the type of  
10 gear and its location.

11 (2) A person who loses or abandons commercial fishing gear or  
12 shellfish pots within the waters of the state is encouraged to report  
13 the location of the loss and the type of gear lost to the department  
14 within forty-eight hours of the loss.

15 **Sec. 28.** RCW 77.12.878 and 2002 c 281 s 6 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 (1) The director shall create a rapid response plan in cooperation  
18 with the aquatic nuisance species committee and its member agencies  
19 that describes actions to be taken when a prohibited aquatic animal  
20 species is found to be infesting a water body. These actions include  
21 eradication or control programs where feasible and containment of  
22 infestation where practical through notification, public education, and  
23 the enforcement of regulatory programs.

24 (2) The commission may adopt rules to implement the rapid response  
25 plan.

26 (3) The director(~~(, the department of ecology, and the Washington~~  
27 ~~state parks and recreation commission))~~) may post signs at water bodies  
28 that are infested with aquatic animal species that are classified as  
29 prohibited aquatic animal species under RCW 77.12.020 or with invasive  
30 species of the plant kingdom. The signs should identify the prohibited  
31 plant and animal species present and warn users of the water body of  
32 the hazards and penalties for possessing and transporting these  
33 species. Educational signs may be placed at uninfested sites.

34 **Sec. 29.** RCW 77.15.390 and 2001 c 253 s 40 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

1 (1) A person is guilty of unlawful taking of seaweed if the person  
2 takes, possesses, or harvests seaweed and:

3 (a) The person does not have and possess the license required by  
4 chapter 77.32 RCW for taking seaweed; or

5 (b) The action violates any rule of the department (~~or the~~  
6 ~~department of natural resources~~) regarding seasons, possession limits,  
7 closed areas, closed times, or any other rule addressing the manner or  
8 method of taking, possessing, or harvesting of seaweed.

9 (2) Unlawful taking of seaweed is a misdemeanor. This does not  
10 affect rights of the state to recover civilly for trespass, conversion,  
11 or theft of state-owned valuable materials.

12 **Sec. 30.** RCW 77.44.040 and 1996 c 222 s 4 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 The goals of the warm water game fish enhancement program are to  
15 improve the fishing for warm water game fish using cost-effective  
16 management. Development of new ponds and lakes shall be an important  
17 and integral part of the program. The department shall work (~~with the~~  
18 ~~department of natural resources~~) to coordinate the reclamation of  
19 surface mines and the development of warm water game fish ponds.  
20 Improvement of warm water fishing shall be coordinated with the  
21 protection and conservation of cold water fish populations. This shall  
22 be accomplished by carefully designing the warm water projects to have  
23 minimal adverse effects upon the cold water fish populations. New pond  
24 and lake development should have beneficial effects upon wildlife due  
25 to the increase in lacustrine and wetland habitat that will accompany  
26 the improvement of warm water fish habitat. The department shall not  
27 develop projects that will increase the populations of undesirable or  
28 deleterious fish species such as carp, squawfish, walking catfish, and  
29 others.

30 Fish culture programs shall be used in conditions where they will  
31 prove to be cost-effective, and may include the purchase of warm water  
32 fish from aquatic farmers defined in RCW 15.85.020. Consideration  
33 should be made for development of urban area enhancement of fishing  
34 opportunity for put-and-take species, such as channel catfish, that are  
35 amenable to production by low-cost fish culture methods. Fish culture  
36 shall also be used for stocking of high value species, such as walleye,  
37 smallmouth bass, and tiger musky. Introduction of special genetic

1 strains that show high potential for recreational fishing improvement,  
2 including Florida strain largemouth bass and striped bass, shall be  
3 considered.

4 Transplantation and introduction of exotic warm water fish shall be  
5 carefully reviewed to assure that adverse effects to native fish and  
6 wildlife populations do not occur. This review shall include an  
7 analysis of consequences from disease and parasite introduction.

8 Population management through the use of fish toxicants, including  
9 rotenone or derris root, shall be an integral part of the warm water  
10 game fish enhancement program. However, any use of fish toxicants  
11 shall be subject to a thorough review to prevent adverse effects to  
12 cold water fish, desirable warm water fish, and other biota.  
13 Eradication of deleterious fish species shall be a goal of the program.

14 Habitat improvement shall be a major aspect of the warm water game  
15 fish enhancement program. Habitat improvement opportunities shall be  
16 defined with scientific investigations, field surveys, and by using the  
17 extensive experience of other state management entities. Installation  
18 of cover, structure, water flow control structures, screens, spawning  
19 substrate, vegetation control, and other management techniques shall be  
20 fully used. The department shall work to gain access to privately  
21 owned waters that can be developed with habitat improvements to improve  
22 the warm water resource for public fishing.

23 The department shall use the resources of cooperative groups to  
24 assist in the planning and implementation of the warm water game fish  
25 enhancement program. In the development of the program the department  
26 shall actively involve the organized fishing clubs that primarily fish  
27 for warm water fish. The warm water fish enhancement program shall be  
28 cooperative between the department and private landowners; private  
29 landowners shall not be required to alter the uses of their private  
30 property to fulfill the purposes of the warm water fish enhancement  
31 program. The director shall not impose restrictions on the use of  
32 private property, or take private property, for the purpose of the warm  
33 water fish enhancement program.

34 **Sec. 31.** RCW 77.55.121 and 2005 c 146 s 404 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1) Beginning in January 1998, the department (~~and the department~~  
37 ~~of natural resources~~) shall implement a habitat incentives program

1 based on the recommendations of federally recognized Indian tribes,  
2 landowners, the regional fisheries enhancement groups, the timber,  
3 fish, and wildlife cooperators, and other interested parties. The  
4 program shall allow a private landowner to enter into an agreement with  
5 the department(~~(s)~~) to enhance habitat on the landowner's property for  
6 food fish, game fish, or other wildlife species. In exchange, the  
7 landowner shall receive state regulatory certainty with regard to  
8 future applications for a permit or a forest practices permit on the  
9 property covered by the agreement. The overall goal of the program is  
10 to provide a mechanism that facilitates habitat development on private  
11 property while avoiding an adverse state regulatory impact to the  
12 landowner at some future date. A single agreement between the  
13 department(~~(s)~~) and a landowner may encompass up to one thousand acres.  
14 A landowner may enter into multiple agreements with the  
15 department(~~(s)~~), provided that the total acreage covered by such  
16 agreements with a single landowner does not exceed ten thousand acres.  
17 The department(~~(s—are)~~) is not obligated to enter into an agreement  
18 unless the department(~~(s)~~) finds that the agreement is in the best  
19 interest of protecting fish or wildlife species or their habitat.

20 (2) A habitat incentives agreement shall be in writing and shall  
21 contain at least the following: (a) A description of the property  
22 covered by the agreement; (b) an expiration date; (c) a description of  
23 the condition of the property prior to the implementation of the  
24 agreement; and (d) other information needed by the landowner and the  
25 departments for future reference and decisions.

26 (3) As part of the agreement, the department may stipulate the  
27 factors that will be considered when the department evaluates a  
28 landowner's application for a permit on property covered by the  
29 agreement. The department's identification of these evaluation factors  
30 shall be in concurrence with (~~(the department of natural resources~~  
31 ~~and~~)) affected federally recognized Indian tribes. In general, future  
32 decisions related to the issuance, conditioning, or denial of a permit  
33 must be based on the conditions present on the landowner's property at  
34 the time of the agreement, unless all parties agree otherwise.

35 (4) As part of the agreement, the department (~~(of natural~~  
36 ~~resources)~~) may stipulate the factors that will be considered when the  
37 department (~~(of natural resources)~~) evaluates a landowner's application  
38 for a forest practices permit under chapter 76.09 RCW on property

1 covered by the agreement. The department's ~~((of natural resources))~~  
2 identification of these evaluation factors shall be in concurrence with  
3 ~~((the department and))~~ affected federally recognized Indian tribes. In  
4 general, future decisions related to the issuance, conditioning, or  
5 denial of forest practices permits shall be based on the conditions  
6 present on the landowner's property at the time of the agreement,  
7 unless all parties agree otherwise.

8 (5) The agreement is binding on and may be used by only the  
9 landowner who entered into the agreement with the department. The  
10 agreement shall not be appurtenant with the land. However, if a new  
11 landowner chooses to maintain the habitat enhancement efforts on the  
12 property, the new landowner and the department and the department of  
13 natural resources may jointly choose to retain the agreement on the  
14 property.

15 (6) If the department ~~((and the department of natural resources))~~  
16 receives multiple requests for agreements with private landowners under  
17 the habitat incentives program, the department ~~((s))~~ shall prioritize  
18 these requests and shall enter into as many agreements as possible  
19 within available budgetary resources.

20 **Sec. 32.** RCW 77.55.211 and 2005 c 146 s 406 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 The department ~~((, the department of ecology, and the department of  
23 natural resources))~~ shall ~~((jointly))~~ develop an informational brochure  
24 that describes when permits and any other authorizations are required  
25 for flood damage prevention and reduction projects, and recommend ~~((s))~~  
26 ways to best proceed through the various regulatory permitting  
27 processes.

28 **Sec. 33.** RCW 77.55.131 and 2005 c 146 s 405 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 The department ~~((and the department of ecology))~~ will work  
31 cooperatively with the United States army corps of engineers to develop  
32 a memorandum of agreement outlining dike vegetation management  
33 guidelines so that dike owners are eligible for coverage under P.L. 84-  
34 99, and state requirements established pursuant to RCW 77.55.021 are  
35 met.

1           **Sec. 34.** RCW 77.65.510 and 2009 c 195 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           (1) The department must establish and administer a direct retail  
4 endorsement to serve as a single license that permits a Washington  
5 license holder or alternate operator to commercially harvest retail-  
6 eligible species and to clean, dress, and sell his or her catch  
7 directly to consumers at retail, including over the internet. The  
8 direct retail endorsement must be issued as an optional addition to all  
9 holders of: (a) A commercial fishing license for retail-eligible  
10 species that the department offers under this chapter; and (b) an  
11 alternate operator license who are designated as an alternate operator  
12 on a commercial fishing license for retail eligible species.

13           (2) The direct retail endorsement must be offered at the time of  
14 application for the qualifying commercial fishing license. Individuals  
15 in possession of a qualifying commercial fishing license issued under  
16 this chapter, and alternate operators designated on such a license, may  
17 add a direct retail endorsement to their current license at any time.  
18 Individuals who do not have a commercial fishing license for retail-  
19 eligible species issued under this chapter, and who are not designated  
20 as alternate operators on such a license, may not receive a direct  
21 retail endorsement. The costs, conditions, responsibilities, and  
22 privileges associated with the endorsed commercial fishing license is  
23 not affected or altered in any way by the addition of a direct retail  
24 endorsement. These costs include the base cost of the license and any  
25 revenue and excise taxes.

26           (3) An individual need only add one direct retail endorsement to  
27 his or her license portfolio. If a direct retail endorsement is  
28 selected by an individual holding more than one commercial fishing  
29 license issued under this chapter, a single direct retail endorsement  
30 is considered to be added to all qualifying commercial fishing licenses  
31 held by that individual, and is the only license required for the  
32 individual to sell at retail any retail-eligible species permitted by  
33 all of the underlying endorsed licenses. If a direct retail  
34 endorsement is selected by an individual designated as an alternate  
35 operator on more than one commercial license issued under this chapter,  
36 a single direct retail endorsement is the only license required for the  
37 individual to sell at retail any retail-eligible species permitted by  
38 all of the underlying endorsed licenses on which the individual is

1 designated as an alternate operator. The direct retail endorsement  
2 applies only to the Washington license holder or alternate operator  
3 obtaining the endorsement.

4 (4) In addition to any fees charged for the endorsed licenses and  
5 harvest documentation as required by this chapter or the rules of the  
6 department, the department may set a reasonable annual fee not to  
7 exceed the administrative costs to the department for a direct retail  
8 endorsement.

9 (5) The holder of a direct retail endorsement is responsible for  
10 documenting the commercial harvest of salmon and crab according to the  
11 provisions of this chapter, the rules of the department for a wholesale  
12 fish dealer, and the reporting requirements of the endorsed license.  
13 Any retail-eligible species caught by the holder of a direct retail  
14 endorsement must be documented on fish tickets.

15 (6) The direct retail endorsement must be displayed in a readily  
16 visible manner by the seller wherever and whenever a sale to someone  
17 other than a licensed wholesale dealer occurs. The commission may  
18 require that the holder of a direct retail endorsement notify the  
19 department up to eighteen hours before conducting an in-person sale of  
20 retail-eligible species, except for in-person sales that have a  
21 cumulative retail sales value of less than one hundred fifty dollars in  
22 a twenty-four hour period that are sold directly from the vessel. For  
23 sales occurring in a venue other than in person, such as over the  
24 internet, through a catalog, or on the phone, the direct retail  
25 endorsement number of the seller must be provided to the buyer both at  
26 the time of sale and the time of delivery. All internet sales must be  
27 conducted in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

28 (7) The direct retail endorsement is to be held by a natural person  
29 and is not transferrable or assignable. If the endorsed license is  
30 transferred, the direct retail endorsement immediately becomes void,  
31 and the transferor is not eligible for a full or prorated reimbursement  
32 of the annual fee paid for the direct retail endorsement. Upon  
33 becoming void, the holder of a direct retail endorsement must surrender  
34 the physical endorsement to the department.

35 (8) The holder of a direct retail endorsement must abide by the  
36 provisions of Title 69 RCW as they apply to the processing and retail  
37 sale of seafood. The department must distribute a pamphlet(~~(, provided~~



1 ~~by the department of agriculture,~~) with the direct retail endorsement  
2 generally describing the labeling requirements set forth in chapter  
3 69.04 RCW as they apply to seafood.

4 (9) The holder of a qualifying commercial fishing license issued  
5 under this chapter, or an alternate operator designated on such a  
6 license, must either possess a direct retail endorsement or a wholesale  
7 dealer license provided for in RCW 77.65.280 in order to lawfully sell  
8 their catch or harvest in the state to anyone other than a licensed  
9 wholesale dealer.

10 (10) The direct retail endorsement entitles the holder to sell a  
11 retail-eligible species only at a temporary food service establishment  
12 as that term is defined in RCW 69.06.045, or directly to a restaurant  
13 or other similar food service business.

14 **Sec. 35.** RCW 77.70.210 and 2000 c 107 s 70 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) A herring spawn on kelp fishery license is required to  
17 commercially take herring eggs which have been deposited on vegetation  
18 of any type.

19 (2) A herring spawn on kelp fishery license may be issued only to  
20 a person who:

21 (a) Holds a herring fishery license issued under RCW 77.65.200 and  
22 77.70.120; and

23 (b) Is the highest bidder in an auction conducted under subsection  
24 (3) of this section.

25 (3) The department shall sell herring spawn on kelp commercial  
26 fishery licenses at auction to the highest bidder. Bidders shall  
27 identify their sources of kelp. (~~Kelp harvested from state-owned~~  
28 ~~aquatic lands as defined in RCW 79.90.465 requires the written consent~~  
29 ~~of the department of natural resources.)) The department shall give  
30 all holders of herring fishery licenses thirty days' notice of the  
31 auction.~~

32 **Sec. 36.** RCW 77.105.070 and 1994 c 264 s 47 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 The department shall (~~work with the department of ecology and~~  
35 ~~local government entities to~~) streamline the siting process for new

1 enhancement projects. The department is encouraged to work with the  
2 legislature to develop statutory changes that enable expeditious  
3 processing and granting of permits for fish enhancement projects.

4 **Sec. 37.** RCW 79.13.620 and 2003 c 334 s 378 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It is the purpose of (~~chapter 163, Laws of 1996~~) this section  
7 that all state agricultural lands, grazing lands, and grazeable  
8 woodlands (~~shall~~) be managed in keeping with the statutory and  
9 constitutional mandates under which each agency operates. (~~Chapter~~  
10 ~~163, Laws of 1996 is consistent with section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1993~~  
11 ~~sp. sess.~~)

12 (2) (~~The ecosystem standards developed under chapter 4, Laws of~~  
13 ~~1993 sp. sess. for state owned agricultural and grazing lands are~~  
14 ~~defined as desired ecological conditions. The standards are not~~  
15 ~~intended to prescribe practices. For this reason,~~) Land managers are  
16 encouraged to use an adaptive management approach in selecting and  
17 implementing practices that work towards meeting the standards based on  
18 the best available science and evaluation tools.

19 (3) (~~For as long as the chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess.~~  
20 ~~ecosystem standards remain in effect, they~~) Land shall be (~~applied~~)  
21 managed through a collaborative process that incorporates the following  
22 principles:

23 (a) The land manager and lessee or permittee shall look at the land  
24 together and make every effort to reach agreement on management and  
25 resource objectives for the land under consideration;

26 (b) They will then discuss management options and make every effort  
27 to reach agreement on which of the available options will be used to  
28 achieve the agreed-upon objectives;

29 (c) No land manager or owner ever gives up his or her management  
30 prerogative;

31 (d) Efforts will be made to make land management plans economically  
32 feasible for landowners, managers, and lessees and to make the land  
33 management plan compatible with the lessee's entire operation;

34 (e) Coordinated resource management planning is encouraged where  
35 either multiple ownerships, or management practices, or both, are  
36 involved;

1 (f) The department of fish and wildlife shall consider multiple  
2 use, including grazing, on lands owned or managed by the department of  
3 fish and wildlife where it is compatible with the management objectives  
4 of the land; and

5 (g) The department shall allow multiple use on lands owned or  
6 managed by the department where multiple use can be demonstrated to be  
7 compatible with RCW 79.10.100, 79.10.110, and 79.10.120.

8 (4) The ecosystem standards are to be achieved by applying  
9 appropriate land management practices on riparian lands and on the  
10 uplands in order to reach the desired ecological conditions.

11 ~~((5) The legislature urges that state agencies that manage grazing  
12 lands make planning and implementation of chapter 163, Laws of 1996,  
13 using the coordinated resource management and planning process, a high  
14 priority, especially where either multiple ownerships, or multiple use  
15 resources objectives, or both, are involved. In all cases, the choice  
16 of using the coordinated resource management planning process will be  
17 a voluntary decision by all concerned parties including agencies,  
18 private landowners, lessees, permittees, and other interests.))~~

19 **Sec. 38.** RCW 79.19.080 and 2003 c 334 s 531 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 Periodically, at intervals to be determined by the board, the  
22 department shall identify trust lands which are expected to convert to  
23 commercial, residential, or industrial uses within ten years. The  
24 department shall adhere to existing local comprehensive plans, zoning  
25 classifications, and duly adopted local policies when making this  
26 identification and determining the fair market value of the property.

27 The department shall hold a public hearing on the proposal in the  
28 county where the state land is located. At least fifteen days but not  
29 more than thirty days before the hearing, the department shall publish  
30 a public notice of reasonable size in display advertising form, setting  
31 forth the date, time, and place of the hearing, at least once in one or  
32 more daily newspapers of general circulation in the county and at least  
33 once in one or more weekly newspapers circulated in the area where the  
34 trust land is located. At the same time that the published notice is  
35 given, the department shall give written notice of the hearings to the  
36 ~~((departments of fish and wildlife and general administration, to the  
37 parks and recreation commission, and to the))~~ county, city, or town in

1 which the property is situated. The department shall disseminate a  
2 news release pertaining to the hearing among printed and electronic  
3 media in the area where the trust land is located. The public notice  
4 and news release also shall identify trust lands in the area which are  
5 expected to convert to commercial, residential, or industrial uses  
6 within ten years.

7 A summary of the testimony presented at the hearings shall be  
8 prepared for the board's consideration. The board shall designate  
9 trust lands which are expected to convert to commercial, residential,  
10 or industrial uses as urban land. Descriptions of lands designated by  
11 the board shall be made available to the county and city or town in  
12 which the land is situated and for public inspection and copying at the  
13 department's administrative office in Olympia, Washington and at each  
14 area office.

15 The hearing and notice requirements of this section apply to those  
16 trust lands which have been identified by the department prior to July  
17 1, 1984, as being expected to convert to commercial, residential, or  
18 industrial uses within the next ten years, and which have not been sold  
19 or exchanged prior to July 1, 1984.

20 **Sec. 39.** RCW 79.70.030 and 2003 c 334 s 549 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 In order to set aside, preserve, and protect natural areas within  
23 the state, the department is authorized, in addition to any other  
24 powers, to:

25 (1) Establish the criteria for selection, acquisition, management,  
26 protection, and use of such natural areas, including:

27 (a) Limiting public access to natural area preserves consistent  
28 with the purposes of this chapter. Where appropriate, and on a case-  
29 by-case basis, a buffer zone with an increased low level of public  
30 access may be created around the environmentally sensitive areas;

31 (b) Developing a management plan for each designated natural area  
32 preserve. The plan must identify the significant resources to be  
33 conserved consistent with the purposes of this chapter and identify the  
34 areas with potential for low-impact public and environmental  
35 educational uses. The plan must specify the types of management  
36 activities and public uses that are permitted, consistent with the

1 purposes of this chapter. The department must make the plans available  
2 for review and comment by the public, and state, tribal, and local  
3 agencies, prior to final approval;

4 (2) Cooperate or contract with any federal, state, or local  
5 governmental agency, private organizations, or individuals in carrying  
6 out the purpose of this chapter;

7 (3) Consistent with the plan, acquire by gift, devise, purchase,  
8 grant, dedication, or means other than eminent domain, the fee or any  
9 lesser right or interest in real property which shall be held and  
10 managed as a natural area;

11 (4) Acquire by gift, devise, grant, or donation any personal  
12 property to be used in the acquisition and/or management of natural  
13 areas;

14 (5) Inventory existing public, state, and private lands in  
15 cooperation with the council to assess possible natural areas to be  
16 preserved within the state;

17 (6) Maintain a natural heritage program to provide assistance in  
18 the selection and nomination of areas containing natural heritage  
19 resources for registration or dedication. The program shall maintain  
20 a classification of natural heritage resources, an inventory of their  
21 locations, and a data bank for such information. (~~The department  
22 shall cooperate with the department of fish and wildlife in the  
23 selection and nomination of areas from the data bank that relate to  
24 critical wildlife habitats.~~) Information from the data bank shall be  
25 made available to public and private agencies and individuals for  
26 environmental assessment and proprietary land management purposes.  
27 Usage of the classification, inventory, or data bank of natural  
28 heritage resources for any purpose inconsistent with the natural  
29 heritage program is not authorized;

30 (7) Prepare a natural heritage plan which shall govern the natural  
31 heritage program in the conduct of activities to create and manage a  
32 system of natural areas that includes natural resources conservation  
33 areas, and may include areas designated under the research natural area  
34 program on federal lands in the state;

35 (a) The plan shall list the natural heritage resources to be  
36 considered for registration and shall provide criteria for the  
37 selection and approval of natural areas under this chapter;

1 (b) The department shall provide opportunities for input, comment,  
2 and review to the public, other public agencies, and private groups  
3 with special interests in natural heritage resources during preparation  
4 of the plan;

5 (c) Upon approval by the council and adoption by the department,  
6 the plan shall be updated and submitted biennially to the appropriate  
7 committees of the legislature for their information and review. The  
8 plan shall take effect ninety days after the adjournment of the  
9 legislative session in which it is submitted unless the reviewing  
10 committees suggest changes or reject the plan; and

11 (8) Maintain a state register of natural areas containing  
12 significant natural heritage resources to be called the Washington  
13 register of natural area preserves. Selection of natural areas for  
14 registration shall be in accordance with criteria listed in the natural  
15 heritage plan and accomplished through voluntary agreement between the  
16 owner of the natural area and the department. No privately owned lands  
17 may be proposed to the council for registration without prior notice to  
18 the owner or registered without voluntary consent of the owner. No  
19 state or local governmental agency may require such consent as a  
20 condition of any permit or approval of or settlement of any civil or  
21 criminal proceeding or to penalize any landowner in any way for failure  
22 to give, or for withdrawal of, such consent.

23 (a) The department shall adopt rules as authorized by RCW 43.12.065  
24 and 79.70.030(1) and chapter 34.05 RCW relating to voluntary natural  
25 area registration.

26 (b) After approval by the council, the department may place sites  
27 onto the register or remove sites from the register.

28 (c) The responsibility for management of registered natural area  
29 preserves shall be with the preserve owner. A voluntary management  
30 agreement may be developed between the department and the owners of the  
31 sites on the register.

32 (d) Any public agency may register lands under provisions of this  
33 chapter.

34 **Sec. 40.** RCW 79.71.120 and 1997 c 371 s 1 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 The property currently designated as the Elk river natural area  
37 preserve is transferred from management under chapter 79.70 RCW as a

1 natural area preserve to management under chapter 79.71 RCW as a  
2 natural resources conservation area. The legislature finds that  
3 hunting is a suitable low-impact public use within the Elk river  
4 natural resources conservation area. The department of natural  
5 resources shall incorporate this legislative direction into the  
6 management plan developed for the Elk river natural resources  
7 conservation area. (~~The department shall work with the department of~~  
8 ~~fish and wildlife to identify hunting opportunities compatible with the~~  
9 ~~area's conservation purposes.~~)

10 **Sec. 41.** RCW 79.105.500 and 2007 c 341 s 58 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 The legislature finds that the department provides, manages, and  
13 monitors aquatic land dredged material disposal sites on state-owned  
14 aquatic lands for materials dredged from rivers, harbors, and shipping  
15 lanes. These disposal sites (~~are~~) should be approved through a  
16 cooperative planning process by the department(~~s of natural resources~~  
17 ~~and ecology~~), the United States army corps of engineers, and the  
18 United States environmental protection agency (~~in cooperation with the~~  
19 ~~Puget Sound partnership~~). These disposal sites are essential to the  
20 commerce and well-being of the citizens of the state of Washington.  
21 Management and environmental monitoring of these sites are necessary to  
22 protect environmental quality and to (~~assure~~) ensure appropriate use  
23 of state-owned aquatic lands. The creation of an aquatic land dredged  
24 material disposal site account is a reasonable means to enable and  
25 facilitate proper management and environmental monitoring of these  
26 disposal sites.

27 **Sec. 42.** RCW 79.125.710 and 2005 c 155 s 517 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 Whenever application is made to the department by any incorporated  
30 city or town or metropolitan park district for the use of any state-  
31 owned tidelands or shorelands within the corporate limits of the city  
32 or town or metropolitan park district for municipal park and/or  
33 playground purposes, the department shall cause the application to be  
34 entered in the records of its office, and shall then forward the  
35 application to the governor, who shall appoint a committee of five  
36 representative citizens of the city or town, in addition to the

1 commissioner (~~and the director of ecology, both of~~), whom shall be an  
2 ex officio member(~~s~~) of the committee, to investigate the lands and  
3 determine whether they are suitable and needed for park or playground  
4 purposes; and, if they so find, the commissioner shall certify to the  
5 governor that the property shall be deeded, when in accordance with RCW  
6 79.125.200 and 79.125.700, to the city or town or metropolitan park  
7 district and the governor shall then execute a deed in the name of the  
8 state of Washington, attested by the secretary of state, conveying the  
9 use of the lands to the city or town or metropolitan park district for  
10 park or playground purposes for so long as it shall continue to hold,  
11 use, and maintain the lands for park or playground purposes.

12 **Sec. 43.** RCW 79.125.730 and 2005 c 155 s 519 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The (~~director of ecology~~) commissioner, in addition to serving as  
15 an ex officio member of the committee, is authorized and directed to  
16 assist the city or town or metropolitan park district in the  
17 development and decoration of any lands so conveyed and to furnish  
18 trees, grass, flowers, and shrubs (~~therefor~~).

19 **Sec. 44.** RCW 79.135.130 and 2005 c 155 s 703 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The department, upon the receipt of an application for a lease  
22 for the purpose of planting and cultivating oyster beds or for the  
23 purpose of cultivating clams or other edible shellfish, shall (~~notify~~  
24 ~~the director of fish and wildlife of the filing of the application~~  
25 ~~describing the tidelands or beds of navigable waters applied for. The~~  
26 ~~director of fish and wildlife shall~~) cause an inspection of the lands  
27 applied for (~~to be made and shall make a full report to the department~~  
28 ~~of the director's findings as to whether it is necessary,~~) in order to  
29 protect existing natural oyster beds, and to secure adequate seeding of  
30 the lands, to retain the lands described in the application for lease  
31 or any part of the lands, and in the event the (~~director~~) department  
32 deems it advisable to retain the lands or any part of the lands for the  
33 protection of existing natural oyster beds or to guarantee the  
34 continuance of an adequate seed stock for existing natural oyster beds,  
35 the lands shall not be subject to lease. However, if the (~~director~~)  
36 department determines that the lands applied for or any part of the



1 lands may be leased, the ~~((director))~~ department shall ~~((so notify the~~  
2 ~~department and the director shall))~~ cause an examination of the lands  
3 to be made to determine the presence, if any, of natural oysters,  
4 clams, or other edible shellfish on the lands, and to fix the rental  
5 value of the lands for use for oyster, clam, or other edible shellfish  
6 cultivation. In the report ~~((to))~~, the department ~~((, the director))~~  
7 shall recommend a minimum rental for the lands and an estimation of the  
8 value of the oysters, clams, or other edible shellfish, if any, then  
9 present on the lands applied for. The lands approved by the  
10 ~~((director))~~ department for lease may then be leased to the applicant  
11 for a period of not less than five years nor more than ten years at a  
12 rental not less than the minimum ~~((rental))~~ recommended ~~((by the~~  
13 ~~director of fish and wildlife))~~ rent. In addition, before entering  
14 upon possession of the land, the applicant shall pay the value of the  
15 oysters, clams, or other edible shellfish, if any, then present on the  
16 land as determined by the ~~((director))~~ department, plus the expense  
17 incurred by the ~~((director))~~ department in investigating the quantity  
18 of oysters, clams, or other edible shellfish, present on the land  
19 applied for.

20 (2) When issuing new leases or reissuing existing leases the  
21 department shall not permit the commercial harvest of subtidal  
22 hardshell clams by means of hydraulic escalating when the upland within  
23 five hundred feet of any lease tract is zoned for residential  
24 development.

25 **Sec. 45.** RCW 79.135.140 and 2005 c 155 s 704 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 Before entering into possession of any leased tidelands or beds of  
28 navigable waters, the applicant shall have the lands surveyed by a  
29 registered land surveyor, and the applicant shall furnish to the  
30 department ~~((and to the director of fish and wildlife,))~~ a map of the  
31 leased premises signed and certified by the registered land surveyor.  
32 The lessee shall also mark the boundaries of the leased premises by  
33 piling monuments or other markers of a permanent nature ~~((as the~~  
34 ~~director of fish and wildlife may direct))~~.

35 **Sec. 46.** RCW 79.135.150 and 2005 c 155 s 705 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

1           The department may, upon the filing of an application for a renewal  
2 lease, inspect the tidelands or beds of navigable waters, and if the  
3 department deems it in the best interests of the state to re-lease the  
4 lands, the department shall issue to the applicant a renewal lease for  
5 a further period not exceeding thirty years and under the terms and  
6 conditions as may be determined by the department. However, in the  
7 case of an application for a renewal lease it shall not be necessary  
8 for the lands to be inspected and reported upon by the (~~director of~~  
9 ~~fish and wildlife~~) department.

10           **Sec. 47.** RCW 79.135.320 and 2005 c 155 s 712 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12           (1) (~~In the event that the fish and wildlife commission approves~~  
13 ~~the vacation of the whole or any part of a reserve,~~) The department  
14 may vacate and offer for lease the parts or all of the reserve as it  
15 deems to be for the best interest of the state, and all moneys received  
16 for the lease of the lands shall be paid to the department.

17           (2) Notwithstanding RCW 77.60.020, subsection (1) of this section,  
18 or any other provision of state law, the state oyster reserves in Eld  
19 Inlet, Hammersley Inlet, or Totten Inlet, situated in Mason or Thurston  
20 counties shall permanently be designated as state oyster reserve lands.

21           **Sec. 48.** RCW 79.135.410 and 2005 c 155 s 715 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23           (1) The maximum daily wet weight harvest or possession of seaweed  
24 for personal use from all state-owned aquatic lands and all privately  
25 owned tidelands is ten pounds per person. The (~~department in~~  
26 ~~cooperation with the~~) department of fish and wildlife may establish  
27 seaweed harvest limits of less than ten pounds for conservation  
28 purposes. This section shall in no way affect the ability of any state  
29 agency to prevent harvest of any species of marine aquatic plant from  
30 lands under its control, ownership, or management.

31           (2) Except as provided under subsection (3) of this section,  
32 commercial harvesting of seaweed from state-owned aquatic lands, and  
33 all privately owned tidelands is prohibited. This subsection shall in  
34 no way affect commercial seaweed aquaculture.

35           (3) Upon (~~mutual~~) approval by (~~the department and~~) the

1 department of fish and wildlife, seaweed species of the genus  
2 Macrocyctis may be commercially harvested for use in the herring spawn-  
3 on-kelp fishery.

4 (4) Importation of seaweed species of the genus Macrocyctis into  
5 Washington state for the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery is subject to  
6 the fish and shellfish disease control policies (~~of the department of~~  
7 ~~fish and wildlife~~). Macrocyctis shall not be imported from areas with  
8 fish or shellfish diseases associated with organisms that are likely to  
9 be transported with Macrocyctis. The department shall incorporate this  
10 policy on Macrocyctis importation into its overall fish and shellfish  
11 disease control policies.

12 **Sec. 49.** RCW 79A.05.255 and 2000 c 48 s 1 and 2000 c 11 s 35 are  
13 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) There is created a winter recreation advisory committee to  
15 advise the parks and recreation commission in the administration of  
16 this chapter and to assist and advise the commission in the development  
17 of winter recreation facilities and programs.

18 (2) The committee shall consist of:

19 (a) Six representatives of the nonsnowmobiling winter recreation  
20 public appointed by the commission, including a resident of each of the  
21 six geographical areas of this state where nonsnowmobiling winter  
22 recreation activity occurs, as defined by the commission.

23 (b) Three representatives of the snowmobiling public appointed by  
24 the commission.

25 (c) One (~~representative of the department of natural resources,~~  
26 ~~one representative of the department of fish and wildlife, and one~~)  
27 representative of (~~the Washington state association of counties, each~~  
28 ~~of whom shall be~~) a statewide private association generally  
29 representing the interests of county legislative bodies and executives  
30 appointed by the director (~~of the particular department or~~  
31 ~~association~~)).

32 (3) The terms of the members appointed under subsection (2)(a) and  
33 (b) of this section shall begin on October 1st of the year of  
34 appointment and shall be for three years or until a successor is  
35 appointed, except in the case of appointments to fill vacancies for the  
36 remainder of the unexpired term: PROVIDED, That the first of these

1 members shall be appointed for terms as follows: Three members shall  
2 be appointed for one year, three members shall be appointed for two  
3 years, and three members shall be appointed for three years.

4 (4) Members of the committee shall be reimbursed from the winter  
5 recreational program account created by RCW 79A.05.235 for travel  
6 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

7 (5) The committee shall meet at times and places it determines not  
8 less than twice each year and additionally as required by the committee  
9 chair or by majority vote of the committee. The chair of the committee  
10 shall be chosen under procedures adopted by the committee. The  
11 committee shall adopt any other procedures necessary to govern its  
12 proceedings.

13 (6) The director of parks and recreation or the director's designee  
14 shall serve as secretary to the committee and shall be a nonvoting  
15 member.

16 **Sec. 50.** RCW 79A.05.351 and 2007 c 176 s 2 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The outdoor education and recreation grant program is hereby  
19 created, subject to the availability of funds in the outdoor education  
20 and recreation account. The commission shall establish and implement  
21 the program by rule to provide opportunities for public agencies,  
22 private nonprofit organizations, formal school programs, nonformal  
23 after-school programs, and community-based programs to receive grants  
24 from the account. Programs that provide outdoor education  
25 opportunities to schools shall be fully aligned with the state's  
26 essential academic learning requirements.

27 (2) The program shall be phased in beginning with the schools and  
28 students with the greatest needs in suburban, rural, and urban areas of  
29 the state. The program shall focus on students who qualify for free  
30 and reduced-price lunch, who are most likely to fail academically, or  
31 who have the greatest potential to drop out of school.

32 (3) The director shall set priorities and develop criteria for the  
33 awarding of grants to outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural,  
34 or other natural resource-based education and recreation programs  
35 considering at least the following:

36 (a) Programs that contribute to the reduction of academic failure  
37 and dropout rates;

1 (b) Programs that make use of research-based, effective  
2 environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-  
3 based education curriculum;

4 (c) Programs that contribute to healthy life styles through outdoor  
5 recreation and sound nutrition;

6 (d) Various Washington state parks as venues and use of the  
7 commission's personnel as a resource;

8 (e) Programs that maximize the number of participants that can be  
9 served;

10 (f) Programs that will commit matching and in-kind resources;

11 (g) Programs that create partnerships with public and private  
12 entities;

13 (h) Programs that provide students with opportunities to directly  
14 experience and understand nature and the natural world; and

15 (i) Programs that include ongoing program evaluation, assessment,  
16 and reporting of their effectiveness.

17 (4) The director shall create an advisory committee to assist and  
18 advise the commission in the development and administration of the  
19 outdoor education and recreation program. The director should solicit  
20 representation on the committee from (~~the office of the superintendent~~  
21 ~~of public instruction, the department of fish and wildlife,~~) the  
22 business community, outdoor organizations with an interest in  
23 education, and any others the commission deems sufficient to ensure a  
24 cross section of stakeholders. When the director creates such an  
25 advisory committee, its members shall be reimbursed from the outdoor  
26 education and recreation program account for travel expenses as  
27 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 (5) The outdoor education and recreation program account is created  
29 in the custody of the state treasurer. Funds deposited in the outdoor  
30 education and recreation program account shall be transferred only to  
31 the commission to be used solely for the commission's outdoor education  
32 and recreation program purposes identified in this section including  
33 the administration of the program. The director may accept gifts,  
34 grants, donations, or moneys from any source for deposit in the outdoor  
35 education and recreation program account. Any public agency in this  
36 state may develop and implement outdoor education and recreation  
37 programs. The director may make grants to public agencies and contract  
38 with any public or private agency or person to develop and implement

1 outdoor education and recreation programs. The outdoor education and  
2 recreation program account is subject to allotment procedures under  
3 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
4 expenditures.

5 **Sec. 51.** RCW 79A.05.360 and 1999 c 249 s 1301 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The commission may establish a system of underwater parks to  
8 provide for diverse recreational diving opportunities and to conserve  
9 and protect unique marine resources of the state of Washington. In  
10 establishing and maintaining an underwater park system, the commission  
11 may:

- 12 (1) Plan, construct, and maintain underwater parks;
- 13 (2) Acquire property and enter management agreements with other  
14 units of state government for the management of lands, tidelands, and  
15 bedlands as underwater parks;
- 16 (3) Construct artificial reefs and other underwater features to  
17 enhance marine life and recreational uses of an underwater park;
- 18 (4) Accept gifts and donations for the benefit of underwater parks;
- 19 (5) Facilitate private efforts to construct artificial reefs and  
20 underwater parks;
- 21 (6) Work with the federal government(~~(7)~~) and local governments  
22 (~~(and other appropriate agencies of state government, including but not~~  
23 ~~limited to: The department of natural resources, the department of~~  
24 ~~fish and wildlife and the natural heritage council)) to carry out the  
25 purposes of this chapter; and~~
- 26 (7) Contract with other state agencies or local governments for the  
27 management of an underwater park unit.

28 **Sec. 52.** RCW 79A.60.520 and 2007 c 341 s 56 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 The commission(~~(, in consultation with the departments of ecology,~~  
31 ~~fish and wildlife, natural resources, social and health services, and~~  
32 ~~the Puget Sound partnership)) shall conduct a literature search and  
33 analyze pertinent studies to identify areas which are polluted or  
34 environmentally sensitive within the state's waters. Based on this  
35 review the commission shall designate appropriate areas as polluted or~~

1 environmentally sensitive, for the purposes of chapter 393, Laws of  
2 1989 only.

3 **Sec. 53.** RCW 79A.60.550 and 1993 c 244 s 34 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The (~~department of ecology, in consultation with the~~)  
6 commission(~~(7)~~) shall, for initiation of the statewide program only,  
7 develop criteria by rule for the design, installation, and operation of  
8 sewage pumpout and dump units, taking into consideration the ease of  
9 access to the unit by the boating public. (~~The department of ecology~~  
10 ~~may adopt rules to administer the provisions of this section.~~)

11 **Sec. 54.** RCW 79A.60.620 and 2000 c 11 s 114 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The Washington sea grant program(~~(, in consultation with the~~  
14 ~~department of ecology,~~) shall develop and conduct a voluntary spill  
15 prevention education program that targets small spills from commercial  
16 fishing vessels, ferries, cruise ships, ports, and marinas. Washington  
17 sea grant shall coordinate the spill prevention education program with  
18 recreational boater education performed by the state parks and  
19 recreation commission.

20 (2) The spill prevention education program shall illustrate ways to  
21 reduce oil contamination of bilge water, accidental spills of hydraulic  
22 fluid and other hazardous substances during routine maintenance, and  
23 reduce spillage during refueling. The program shall illustrate proper  
24 disposal of oil and hazardous substances and promote strategies to meet  
25 shoreside oil and hazardous substance handling, and disposal needs of  
26 the targeted groups. The program shall include a series of training  
27 workshops and the development of educational materials.

28 **Sec. 55.** RCW 79A.05.285 and 1999 c 249 s 907 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 The commission is authorized to evaluate and acquire land under RCW  
31 (~~(79.01.612 in cooperation with the department of natural resources)~~)  
32 79.10.030.

33 **Sec. 56.** RCW 79A.30.050 and 1995 c 200 s 6 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

1        ~~((1) If the authority and state agencies find it mutually~~  
2 ~~beneficial to do so, they are authorized to collaborate and cooperate~~  
3 ~~on projects of shared interest. Agencies authorized to collaborate~~  
4 ~~with the authority include but are not limited to: The commission for~~  
5 ~~activities and projects related to public recreation; the department of~~  
6 ~~agriculture for projects related to the equine agricultural industry;~~  
7 ~~the department of community, trade, and economic development with~~  
8 ~~respect to community and economic development and tourism issues~~  
9 ~~associated with development of the state horse park; Washington State~~  
10 ~~University with respect to opportunities for animal research,~~  
11 ~~education, and extension; the department of ecology with respect to~~  
12 ~~opportunities for making the state horse park's waste treatment~~  
13 ~~facilities a demonstration model for the handling of waste to protect~~  
14 ~~water quality; and with local community colleges with respect to~~  
15 ~~programs related to horses, economic development, business, and~~  
16 ~~tourism.~~

17        ~~(2))~~ The authority shall cooperate with 4-H clubs, pony clubs,  
18 youth groups, and local park departments to provide youth recreational  
19 activities. The authority shall also provide for preferential use of  
20 an area of the horse park facility for youth and ~~((the disabled))~~  
21 individuals with disabilities at nominal cost.

22        **Sec. 57.** RCW 79A.50.090 and 1969 ex.s. c 247 s 2 are each amended  
23 to read as follows:

24        The department of natural resources shall ~~((not rescind the~~  
25 ~~withdrawal of))~~ have reasonable access across all public land in any  
26 existing and future state park ~~((nor sell any timber or other valuable~~  
27 ~~material therefrom or grant any right of way or easement thereon,~~  
28 ~~except as provided in the withdrawal order or for off-site drilling,~~  
29 ~~without the concurrence of the state parks and recreation commission.~~

30        ~~The department of natural resources shall have reasonable access~~  
31 ~~across such lands))~~ in order to reach other public lands administered  
32 by the department of natural resources.

33        **Sec. 58.** RCW 79A.50.100 and 1995 c 399 s 209 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35        (1) A public hearing may be held prior to any withdrawal of state  
36 trust lands and shall be held prior to any revocation of withdrawal or



1 modification of withdrawal of state trust lands used for recreational  
2 purposes by the department of natural resources (~~or by other state~~  
3 ~~agencies~~)).

4 (2) The department of natural resources shall cause notice of the  
5 withdrawal, revocation of withdrawal or modification of withdrawal of  
6 state trust lands as described in subsection (1) of this section to be  
7 published by advertisement once a week for four weeks prior to the  
8 public hearing in at least one newspaper published and of general  
9 circulation in the county or counties in which the state trust lands  
10 are situated, and by causing a copy of said notice to be posted in a  
11 conspicuous place in the department's Olympia office, in the district  
12 office in which the land is situated, and in the office of the county  
13 auditor in the county where the land is situated thirty days prior to  
14 the public hearing. The notice shall specify the time and place of the  
15 public hearing and shall describe with particularity each parcel of  
16 state trust lands involved in said hearing.

17 (3) The board of natural resources shall administer the hearing  
18 according to its prescribed rules and regulations.

19 (4) The board of natural resources shall determine the most  
20 beneficial use or combination of uses of the state trust lands. (~~Its~~  
21 ~~decision will be conclusive as to the matter: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That~~  
22 ~~said decisions as to uses shall conform to applicable state plans and~~  
23 ~~policy guidelines adopted by the department of community, trade, and~~  
24 ~~economic development.~~))

25 **Sec. 59.** RCW 79A.15.110 and 2007 c 241 s 36 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (~~A state~~) The recreation and conservation office or a local  
28 agency shall review the proposed project application with the county or  
29 city with jurisdiction over the project area prior to applying for  
30 funds for the acquisition of property under this chapter. The  
31 appropriate county or city legislative authority may, at its  
32 discretion, submit a letter to the board identifying the authority's  
33 position with regard to the acquisition project. The board shall make  
34 the letters received under this section available to the governor and  
35 the legislature when the prioritized project list is submitted under  
36 RCW 79A.15.120, 79A.15.060, and 79A.15.070.

1       **Sec. 60.** RCW 78.44.280 and 1999 c 252 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Surface disturbances caused by an underground metals mining and  
4 milling operation are subject to the requirements of this chapter if  
5 the operation is proposed after June 30, 1999. An operation is  
6 proposed when an agency is presented with an application for an  
7 operation or expansion of an existing operation having a probable  
8 significant adverse environmental impact under chapter 43.21C RCW. The  
9 department (~~(of ecology)~~) shall retain authority for reclamation of  
10 surface disturbances caused by an underground operation operating at  
11 any time prior to June 30, 1999(~~(, unless the operator requests that~~  
12 ~~authority for reclamation of surface disturbances caused by such~~  
13 ~~operation be transferred to the department under the requirements of~~  
14 ~~this chapter)~~).

15       **Sec. 61.** RCW 78.52.125 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 822 are each amended  
16 to read as follows:

17       Any person desiring or proposing to drill any well in search of oil  
18 or gas, when such drilling would be conducted through or under any  
19 surface waters of the state, shall prepare and submit an environmental  
20 impact statement upon such form as the department of ((ecology))  
21 natural resources shall prescribe at least one hundred and twenty days  
22 prior to commencing the drilling of any such well. Within ninety days  
23 after receipt of such environmental statement the department of  
24 ((ecology)) natural resources shall (~~(prepare and submit to the~~  
25 ~~department of natural resources a report examining)~~) examine the  
26 potential environmental impact of the proposed well and recommendations  
27 for department action thereon. If after consideration of the report  
28 the department of natural resources determines that the proposed well  
29 is likely to have a substantial environmental impact the drilling  
30 permit for such well may be denied.

31       The department of natural resources shall require sufficient  
32 safeguards to minimize the hazards of pollution of all surface and  
33 ground waters of the state. If safeguards acceptable to the department  
34 of natural resources cannot be provided the drilling permit shall be  
35 denied.

1           **Sec. 62.** RCW 78.56.040 and 1994 c 232 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           The department of ((~~ecology~~)) natural resources shall require each  
4 applicant submitting a checklist pursuant to chapter 43.21C RCW for a  
5 metals mining and milling operation to disclose the ownership and each  
6 controlling interest in the proposed operation. The applicant shall  
7 also disclose all other mining operations within the United States  
8 which the applicant operates or in which the applicant has an ownership  
9 or controlling interest. In addition, the applicant shall disclose and  
10 may enumerate and describe the circumstances of: (1) Any past or  
11 present bankruptcies involving the ownerships and their subsidiaries,  
12 (2) any abandonment of sites regulated by the model toxics control act,  
13 chapter 70.105D RCW, or other similar state remedial cleanup programs,  
14 or the federal comprehensive environmental response, compensation, and  
15 liability act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601 et seq., as amended, (3) any  
16 penalties in excess of ten thousand dollars assessed for violations of  
17 the provisions of 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq. or 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et  
18 seq., and (4) any previous forfeitures of financial assurance due to  
19 noncompliance with reclamation or remediation requirements. This  
20 information shall be available for public inspection and copying at the  
21 department of ((~~ecology~~)) natural resources. Ownership or control of  
22 less than ten percent of the stock of a corporation shall not by itself  
23 constitute ownership or a controlling interest under this section.

24           **Sec. 63.** RCW 78.56.050 and 1994 c 232 s 5 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26           (1) An environmental impact statement must be prepared for any  
27 proposed metals mining and milling operation. The department of  
28 ((~~ecology~~)) natural resources shall be the lead agency in coordinating  
29 the environmental review process under chapter 43.21C RCW and in  
30 preparing the environmental impact statement, except for uranium and  
31 thorium operations regulated under Title 70 RCW.

32           (2) As part of the environmental review of metals mining and  
33 milling operations regulated under this chapter, the applicant shall  
34 provide baseline data adequate to document the premining conditions at  
35 the proposed site of the metals mining and milling operation. The  
36 baseline data shall contain information on the elements of the natural  
37 environment identified in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 43.21C RCW.

1 (3) The department of (~~ecology, after consultation with the~~  
2 ~~department of fish and wildlife,~~) natural resources shall incorporate  
3 measures to mitigate significant probable adverse impacts to fish and  
4 wildlife as part of the (~~department of ecology's~~) department's permit  
5 requirements for the proposed operation.

6 (4) In conducting the environmental review and preparing the  
7 environmental impact statement, the department of (~~ecology~~) natural  
8 resources shall cooperate with all affected local governments to the  
9 fullest extent practicable.

10 **Sec. 64.** RCW 78.56.060 and 1994 c 232 s 6 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 The department of (~~ecology~~) natural resources will appoint a  
13 metals mining coordinator. The coordinator will maintain current  
14 information on the status of any metals mining and milling operation  
15 regulated under this chapter from the preparation of the environmental  
16 impact statement through the permitting, construction, operation, and  
17 reclamation phases of the project or until the proposal is no longer  
18 active. The coordinator shall also maintain current information on  
19 postclosure activities. The coordinator will act as a contact person  
20 for the applicant, the operator, and interested members of the public.  
21 The coordinator may also assist agencies with coordination of their  
22 inspection and monitoring responsibilities.

23 **Sec. 65.** RCW 78.56.080 and 1997 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 (1) The metals mining account is created in the state treasury.  
26 Expenditures from this account are subject to appropriation.  
27 Expenditures from this account may only be used for: (a) The  
28 additional inspections of metals mining and milling operations required  
29 by RCW 78.56.070 and (b) the metals mining coordinator established in  
30 RCW 78.56.060.

31 (2)(~~(a)~~) As part of its normal budget development process and in  
32 consultation with the metals mining industry, the department of  
33 (~~ecology~~) natural resources shall estimate the costs required (~~for~~  
34 ~~the department~~) to meet its obligations for the additional inspections  
35 of metals mining and milling operations required by chapter 232, Laws

1 of 1994. The department shall also estimate the cost of employing the  
2 metals mining coordinator established in RCW 78.56.060.

3 ~~((b) As part of its normal budget development process and in  
4 consultation with the metals mining industry, the department of natural  
5 resources shall estimate the costs required for the department to meet  
6 its obligations for the additional inspections of metals mining and  
7 milling operations required by chapter 232, Laws of 1994.))~~

8 (3) Based on the cost estimates generated by the department of  
9 ~~((ecology and the department of))~~ natural resources, the department  
10 ~~((of ecology))~~ shall establish the amount of a fee to be paid by each  
11 active metals mining and milling operation regulated under this  
12 chapter. The fee shall be established at a level to fully recover the  
13 direct and indirect costs of the ~~((agency))~~ department's  
14 responsibilities identified in subsection (2) of this section. The  
15 amount of the fee for each operation shall be proportional to the  
16 number of visits required per site. Each applicant for a metals mining  
17 and milling operation shall also be assessed the fee based on the same  
18 criterion. The department ~~((of ecology))~~ may adjust the fees  
19 established in this subsection if unanticipated activity in the  
20 industry increases or decreases the amount of funding necessary to meet  
21 ~~((agencies'))~~ the agency's inspection responsibilities.

22 (4) The department of ~~((ecology))~~ natural resources shall collect  
23 the fees established in subsection (3) of this section. All moneys  
24 from these fees shall be deposited into the metals mining account.

25 **Sec. 66.** RCW 78.56.110 and 1995 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 (1) The department of ecology shall not issue necessary permits to  
28 an applicant for a metals mining and milling operation until the  
29 applicant has deposited with the department of ecology a performance  
30 security which is acceptable to the department of ecology based on the  
31 requirements of subsection (2) of this section. This performance  
32 security may be:

- 33 (a) Bank letters of credit;  
34 (b) A cash deposit;  
35 (c) Negotiable securities;  
36 (d) An assignment of a savings account;  
37 (e) A savings certificate in a Washington bank; or

1 (f) A corporate surety bond executed in favor of the department of  
2 ecology by a corporation authorized to do business in the state of  
3 Washington under Title 48 RCW.

4 The department of ecology may, for any reason, refuse any  
5 performance security not deemed adequate.

6 (2) The performance security shall be conditioned on the faithful  
7 performance of the applicant or operator in meeting the following  
8 obligations:

9 (a) Compliance with the environmental protection laws of the state  
10 of Washington administered by the department of ecology, or permit  
11 conditions administered by the department of ecology, associated with  
12 the construction, operation, and closure pertaining to metals mining  
13 and milling operations, and with the related environmental protection  
14 ordinances and permit conditions established by local government when  
15 requested by local government;

16 (b) Reclamation of metals mining and milling operations that do not  
17 meet the threshold of surface mining as defined by RCW 78.44.031(17);

18 (c) Postclosure environmental monitoring as determined by the  
19 department of ecology; and

20 (d) Provision of sufficient funding as determined by the department  
21 of ecology for cleanup of potential problems revealed during or after  
22 closure.

23 (3) The department of ecology may, if it deems appropriate, adopt  
24 rules for determining the amount of the performance security,  
25 requirements for the performance security, requirements for the issuer  
26 of the performance security, and any other requirements necessary for  
27 the implementation of this section.

28 (4) The department of ecology may increase or decrease the amount  
29 of the performance security at any time to compensate for any  
30 alteration in the operation that affects meeting the obligations in  
31 subsection (2) of this section. At a minimum, the department shall  
32 review the adequacy of the performance security every two years.

33 (5) Liability under the performance security shall be maintained  
34 until the obligations in subsection (2) of this section are met to the  
35 satisfaction of the department of ecology. Liability under the  
36 performance security may be released only upon written notification by  
37 the department of ecology.

1 (6) Any interest or appreciation on the performance security shall  
2 be held by the department of ecology until the obligations in  
3 subsection (2) of this section have been met to the satisfaction of the  
4 department of ecology. At such time, the interest shall be remitted to  
5 the applicant or operator. However, if the applicant or operator fails  
6 to comply with the obligations of subsection (2) of this section, the  
7 interest or appreciation may be used by the department of ecology to  
8 comply with the obligations.

9 ~~(7) ((Only one agency may require a performance security to satisfy~~  
10 ~~the deposit requirements of RCW 78.44.087, and only one agency may~~  
11 ~~require a performance security to satisfy the deposit requirements of~~  
12 ~~this section. — However,))~~ A single performance security, when  
13 acceptable to ~~((both the department of ecology and))~~ the department of  
14 natural resources, may be utilized ~~((by both agencies))~~ to satisfy the  
15 requirements of this section and RCW 78.44.087.

16 **Sec. 67.** RCW 78.56.160 and 1998 c 245 s 161 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Until June 30, 1996, there shall be a moratorium on metals  
19 mining and milling operations using the heap leach extraction process.  
20 The department of natural resources ~~((and the department of ecology))~~  
21 shall ~~((jointly))~~ review the existing laws and regulations pertaining  
22 to the heap leach extraction process for their adequacy in safeguarding  
23 the environment.

24 (2) Metals mining using the process of in situ extraction is  
25 permanently prohibited in the state of Washington.

26 **Sec. 68.** RCW 78.60.070 and 2007 c 338 s 1 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 (1) Any person proposing to drill a well or redrill an abandoned  
29 well for geothermal resources shall file with the department a written  
30 application for a permit to commence such drilling or redrilling on a  
31 form prescribed by the department accompanied by a permit fee of two  
32 hundred dollars. ~~((The department shall forward a duplicate copy to~~  
33 ~~the department of ecology within ten days of filing.))~~

34 (2) Upon receipt of a proper application relating to drilling or  
35 redrilling the department shall set a date, time, and place for a  
36 public hearing on the application, which hearing shall be in the county

1 in which the drilling or redrilling is proposed to be made, and shall  
2 instruct the applicant to publish notices of such application and  
3 hearing by such means and within such time as the department shall  
4 prescribe. The department shall require that the notice so prescribed  
5 shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation within  
6 the county in which the drilling or redrilling is proposed to be made  
7 and in such other appropriate information media as the department may  
8 direct.

9 (3) Any person proposing to drill a core hole for the purpose of  
10 gathering geothermal data, including but not restricted to heat flow,  
11 temperature gradients, and rock conductivity, shall be required to  
12 obtain a single permit for each core hole according to subsection (1)  
13 of this section, including a permit fee for each core hole, but no  
14 notice need be published, and no hearing need be held. Such core holes  
15 that penetrate more than seven hundred and fifty feet into bedrock  
16 shall be deemed geothermal test wells and subject to the payment of a  
17 permit fee and to the requirement in subsection (2) of this section for  
18 public notices and hearing. In the event geothermal energy is  
19 discovered in a core hole, the hole shall be deemed a geothermal well  
20 and subject to the permit fee, notices, and hearing. Such core holes  
21 as described by this subsection are subject to all other provisions of  
22 this chapter, including a bond or other security as specified in RCW  
23 78.60.130.

24 (4) All moneys paid to the department under this section shall be  
25 deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the general fund.

26 **Sec. 69.** RCW 78.60.080 and 1974 ex.s. c 43 s 8 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 A permit shall be granted only if the department is satisfied that  
29 the area is suitable for the activities applied for; that the applicant  
30 will be able to comply with the provisions of this chapter and the  
31 rules and regulations enacted hereunder; and that a permit would be in  
32 the best interests of the state.

33 The department shall not allow operation of a well under permit if  
34 it finds that the operation of any well will unreasonably decrease  
35 groundwater available for prior water rights in any aquifer or other  
36 groundwater source for water for beneficial uses, unless such affected  
37 water rights are acquired by condemnation, purchase or other means.



1       The department shall have the authority to condition the permit as  
2 it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter,  
3 including but not limited to conditions to reduce any environmental  
4 impact.

5       ~~((The department shall forward a copy of the permit to the  
6 department of ecology within five days of issuance.))~~

7       **Sec. 70.** RCW 78.60.100 and 2007 c 338 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9       Any well or core hole drilled under authority of this chapter from  
10 which:

11       (1) It is not technologically practical to derive the energy to  
12 produce electricity commercially, or the owner or operator has no  
13 intention of deriving energy to produce electricity commercially, and

14       (2) Usable minerals cannot be derived, or the owner or operator has  
15 no intention of deriving usable minerals, shall be plugged and  
16 abandoned as provided in this chapter or, upon the owner's or  
17 operator's written application to the department ~~((of natural resources  
18 and with the concurrence and approval of the department of ecology))~~,  
19 jurisdiction over the well may be transferred to the department ~~((of  
20 ecology))~~ and, in such case, the well shall no longer be subject to the  
21 provisions of this chapter but shall be subject to any applicable laws  
22 and rules relating to wells drilled for appropriation and use of  
23 groundwaters. If an application is made to transfer jurisdiction, a  
24 copy of all logs, records, histories, and descriptions shall be  
25 provided to the department ~~((of ecology))~~ by the applicant.

26       **Sec. 71.** RCW 90.03.247 and 2003 c 39 s 48 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28       Whenever an application for a permit to make beneficial use of  
29 public waters is approved relating to a stream or other water body for  
30 which minimum flows or levels have been adopted and are in effect at  
31 the time of approval, the permit shall be conditioned to protect the  
32 levels or flows. No agency may establish minimum flows and levels or  
33 similar water flow or level restrictions for any stream or lake of the  
34 state other than the department of ecology whose authority to establish  
35 is exclusive, as provided in chapter 90.03 RCW and RCW 90.22.010 and  
36 90.54.040. The provisions of other statutes, including but not limited

1 to RCW (~~77.55.100~~) 77.55.021 and chapter 43.21C RCW, may not be  
2 interpreted in a manner that is inconsistent with this section. In  
3 establishing such minimum flows, levels, or similar restrictions, the  
4 department shall, during all stages of development (~~by the department~~  
5 ~~of ecology~~) of minimum flow proposals, consult with, and carefully  
6 consider the recommendations of (~~, the department of fish and wildlife,~~  
7 ~~the department of community, trade, and economic development,~~ the  
8 ~~department of agriculture, and representatives of the~~) affected Indian  
9 tribes. (~~Nothing herein shall preclude the department of fish and~~  
10 ~~wildlife, the department of community, trade, and economic development,~~  
11 ~~or the department of agriculture from presenting its views on minimum~~  
12 ~~flow needs at any public hearing or to any person or agency, and the~~  
13 ~~department of fish and wildlife, the department of community, trade,~~  
14 ~~and economic development, and the department of agriculture are each~~  
15 ~~empowered to participate in proceedings of the federal energy~~  
16 ~~regulatory commission and other agencies to present its views on~~  
17 ~~minimum flow needs.~~)

18 **Sec. 72.** RCW 90.03.280 and 1994 c 264 s 83 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Upon receipt of a proper application, the department shall instruct  
21 the applicant to publish notice thereof in a form and within a time  
22 prescribed by the department in a newspaper of general circulation  
23 published in the county or counties in which the storage, diversion,  
24 and use is to be made, and in such other newspapers as the department  
25 may direct, once a week for two consecutive weeks. (~~Upon receipt by~~  
26 ~~the department of an application it shall send notice thereof~~  
27 ~~containing pertinent information to the director of fish and~~  
28 ~~wildlife.~~)

29 **Sec. 73.** RCW 90.03.290 and 2001 c 239 s 1 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 (1) When an application complying with the provisions of this  
32 chapter and with the rules of the department has been filed, the same  
33 shall be placed on record with the department, and it shall be its duty  
34 to investigate the application, and determine what water, if any, is  
35 available for appropriation, and find and determine to what beneficial  
36 use or uses it can be applied. If it is proposed to appropriate water

1 for irrigation purposes, the department shall investigate, determine  
2 and find what lands are capable of irrigation by means of water found  
3 available for appropriation. If it is proposed to appropriate water  
4 for the purpose of power development, the department shall investigate,  
5 determine and find whether the proposed development is likely to prove  
6 detrimental to the public interest, having in mind the highest feasible  
7 use of the waters belonging to the public.

8 (2)(a) If the application does not contain, and the applicant does  
9 not promptly furnish sufficient information on which to base such  
10 findings, the department may issue a preliminary permit, for a period  
11 of not to exceed three years, requiring the applicant to make such  
12 surveys, investigations, studies, and progress reports, as in the  
13 opinion of the department may be necessary. If the applicant fails to  
14 comply with the conditions of the preliminary permit, it and the  
15 application or applications on which it is based shall be automatically  
16 canceled and the applicant so notified. If the holder of a preliminary  
17 permit shall, before its expiration, file with the department a  
18 verified report of expenditures made and work done under the  
19 preliminary permit, which, in the opinion of the department,  
20 establishes the good faith, intent, and ability of the applicant to  
21 carry on the proposed development, the preliminary permit may, with the  
22 approval of the governor, be extended, but not to exceed a maximum  
23 period of five years from the date of the issuance of the preliminary  
24 permit.

25 (b) For any application for which a preliminary permit was issued  
26 and for which the availability of water was directly affected by a  
27 moratorium on further diversions from the Columbia river during the  
28 years from 1990 to 1998, the preliminary permit is extended through  
29 June 30, 2002. If such an application and preliminary permit were  
30 canceled during the moratorium, the application and preliminary permit  
31 shall be reinstated until June 30, 2002, if the application and permit:  
32 (i) Are for providing regional water supplies in more than one urban  
33 growth area designated under chapter 36.70A RCW and in one or more  
34 areas near such urban growth areas, or the application and permit are  
35 modified for providing such supplies, and (ii) provide or are modified  
36 to provide such regional supplies through the use of existing intake or  
37 diversion structures. The authority to modify such a canceled

1 application and permit to accomplish the objectives of (b)(i) and (ii)  
2 of this subsection is hereby granted.

3 (3) The department shall make and file as part of the record in the  
4 matter, written findings of fact concerning all things investigated,  
5 and if it shall find that there is water available for appropriation  
6 for a beneficial use, and the appropriation thereof as proposed in the  
7 application will not impair existing rights or be detrimental to the  
8 public welfare, it shall issue a permit stating the amount of water to  
9 which the applicant shall be entitled and the beneficial use or uses to  
10 which it may be applied: PROVIDED, That where the water applied for is  
11 to be used for irrigation purposes, it shall become appurtenant only to  
12 such land as may be reclaimed thereby to the full extent of the soil  
13 for agricultural purposes. But where there is no unappropriated water  
14 in the proposed source of supply, or where the proposed use conflicts  
15 with existing rights, or threatens to prove detrimental to the public  
16 interest, having due regard to the highest feasible development of the  
17 use of the waters belonging to the public, it shall be duty of the  
18 department to reject such application and to refuse to issue the permit  
19 asked for.

20 (4) If the permit is refused because of conflict with existing  
21 rights and such applicant shall acquire same by purchase or  
22 condemnation under RCW 90.03.040, the department may thereupon grant  
23 such permit. Any application may be approved for a less amount of  
24 water than that applied for, if there exists substantial reason  
25 therefor, and in any event shall not be approved for more water than  
26 can be applied to beneficial use for the purposes named in the  
27 application. In determining whether or not a permit shall issue upon  
28 any application, it shall be the duty of the department to investigate  
29 all facts relevant and material to the application. After the  
30 department approves said application in whole or in part and before any  
31 permit shall be issued thereon to the applicant, such applicant shall  
32 pay the fee provided in RCW 90.03.470(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in the~~  
33 ~~event a permit is issued by the department upon any application, it~~  
34 ~~shall be its duty to notify the director of fish and wildlife of such~~  
35 ~~issuance))~~).

36 **Sec. 74.** RCW 90.03.360 and 1994 c 264 s 85 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

1 (1) The owner or owners of any water diversion shall maintain, to  
2 the satisfaction of the department of ecology, substantial controlling  
3 works and a measuring device constructed and maintained to permit  
4 accurate measurement and practical regulation of the flow of water  
5 diverted. Every owner or manager of a reservoir for the storage of  
6 water shall construct and maintain, when required by the department,  
7 any measuring device necessary to ascertain the natural flow into and  
8 out of said reservoir.

9 Metering of diversions or measurement by other approved methods  
10 shall be required as a condition for all new surface water right  
11 permits, and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, may  
12 be required as a condition for all previously existing surface water  
13 rights. The department may also require, as a condition for all water  
14 rights, metering of diversions, and reports regarding such metered  
15 diversions as to the amount of water being diverted. Such reports  
16 shall be in a form prescribed by the department.

17 (2) Where water diversions are from waters in which the salmonid  
18 stock status is depressed or critical, as determined by the department  
19 of fish and wildlife, or where the volume of water being diverted  
20 exceeds one cubic foot per second, the department shall require  
21 metering or measurement by other approved methods as a condition for  
22 all new and previously existing water rights or claims. The department  
23 shall attempt to integrate the requirements of this subsection into its  
24 existing compliance workload priorities, but shall prioritize the  
25 requirements of this subsection ahead of the existing compliance  
26 workload where a delay may cause the decline of wild salmonids. (~~The  
27 department shall notify the department of fish and wildlife of the  
28 status of fish screens associated with these diversions.~~) This  
29 subsection (2) shall not apply to diversions for public or private  
30 hatcheries or fish rearing facilities if the diverted water is returned  
31 directly to the waters from which it was diverted.

32 **Sec. 75.** RCW 90.03.590 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 5 s 16 are each  
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (1) On a pilot project basis, the department may enter into a  
35 watershed agreement with one or more municipal water suppliers in water  
36 resource inventory area number one to meet the objectives established  
37 in a water resource management program approved or being developed

1 under chapter 90.82 RCW with the consent of the initiating governments  
2 of the water resource inventory area. The term of an agreement may not  
3 exceed ten years, but the agreement may be renewed or amended upon  
4 agreement of the parties.

5 (2) A watershed agreement must be consistent with:

6 (a) Growth management plans developed under chapter 36.70A RCW  
7 where these plans are adopted and in effect;

8 (b) Water supply plans and small water system management programs  
9 approved under chapter 43.20 or 70.116 RCW;

10 (c) Coordinated water supply plans approved under chapter 70.116  
11 RCW; and

12 (d) Water use efficiency and conservation requirements and  
13 standards established by the state department of health or such  
14 requirements and standards as are provided in an approved watershed  
15 plan, whichever are the more stringent.

16 (3) A watershed agreement must:

17 (a) Require the public water system operated by the participating  
18 municipal water supplier to meet obligations under the watershed plan;

19 (b) Establish performance measures and timelines for measures to be  
20 completed;

21 (c) Provide for monitoring of stream flows and metering of water  
22 use as needed to ensure that the terms of the agreement are met; and

23 (d) Require annual reports from the water users regarding  
24 performance under the agreement.

25 (4) As needed to implement watershed agreement activities, the  
26 department may provide or receive funding, or both, under its existing  
27 authorities.

28 (5) The department must provide opportunity for public review of a  
29 proposed agreement before it is executed. The department must make  
30 proposed and executed watershed agreements and annual reports available  
31 on the department's internet web site.

32 (6) The department must consult with affected local governments  
33 (~~and the state departments of health and fish and wildlife~~) before  
34 executing an agreement.

35 (7) Before executing a watershed agreement, the department must  
36 conduct a government-to-government consultation with affected tribal  
37 governments. The municipal water suppliers operating the public water  
38 systems that are proposing to enter into the agreements must be invited

1 to participate in the consultations. During these consultations, the  
2 department and the municipal water suppliers shall explore the  
3 potential interest of the tribal governments or governments in  
4 participating in the agreement.

5 (8) Any person aggrieved by the department's failure to satisfy the  
6 requirements in subsection (3) of this section as embodied in the  
7 department's decision to enter into a watershed agreement under this  
8 section may, within thirty days of the execution of such an agreement,  
9 appeal the department's decision to the pollution control hearings  
10 board under chapter 43.21B RCW.

11 (9) Any projects implemented by a municipal water system under the  
12 terms of an agreement reached under this section may be continued and  
13 maintained by the municipal water system after the agreement expires or  
14 is terminated as long as the conditions of the agreement under which  
15 they were implemented continue to be met.

16 (10) Before December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004, the  
17 department must report to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
18 the results of the pilot project provided for in this section. Based  
19 on the experience of the pilot project, the department must offer any  
20 suggested changes in law that would improve, facilitate, and maximize  
21 the implementation of watershed plans adopted under this chapter.

22 **Sec. 76.** RCW 90.16.050 and 2007 c 286 s 1 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (1) Every person, firm, private or municipal corporation, or  
25 association hereinafter called "claimant", claiming the right to the  
26 use of water within or bordering upon the state of Washington for power  
27 development, shall on or before the first day of January of each year  
28 pay to the state of Washington in advance an annual license fee, based  
29 upon the theoretical water power claimed under each and every separate  
30 claim to water according to the following schedule:

31 (a) For projects in operation: For each and every theoretical  
32 horsepower claimed up to and including one thousand horsepower, at the  
33 rate of eighteen cents per horsepower; for each and every theoretical  
34 horsepower in excess of one thousand horsepower, up to and including  
35 ten thousand horsepower, at the rate of three and six-tenths cents per  
36 horsepower; for each and every theoretical horsepower in excess of ten

1 thousand horsepower, at the rate of one and eight-tenths cents per  
2 horsepower.

3 (b) For federal energy regulatory commission projects in operation,  
4 the following fee schedule applies in addition to the fees in (a) of  
5 this subsection: For each theoretical horsepower of capacity up to and  
6 including one thousand horsepower, at the rate of thirty-two cents per  
7 horsepower; for each theoretical horsepower in excess of one thousand  
8 horsepower, up to and including ten thousand horsepower, at the rate of  
9 six and four-tenths cents per horsepower; for each theoretical  
10 horsepower in excess of ten thousand horsepower, at the rate of three  
11 and two-tenths cents per horsepower.

12 (c) To justify the appropriate use of fees collected under (b) of  
13 this subsection, the department of ecology shall submit a progress  
14 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature prior to  
15 December 31, 2009, and biennially thereafter until December 31, 2017.

16 (i) The progress report will: (A) Describe how license fees were  
17 expended in the federal energy regulatory commission licensing process  
18 during the current biennium, and expected workload and full-time  
19 equivalent employees for federal energy regulatory commission licensing  
20 in the next biennium; (B) include any recommendations based on  
21 consultation with (~~the departments of ecology and fish and wildlife,~~)  
22 hydropower project operators(~~(7)~~) and other interested parties; and (C)  
23 recognize hydropower operators that exceed their environmental  
24 regulatory requirements.

25 (ii) The fees required in (b) of this subsection expire June 30,  
26 2017. The biennial progress reports submitted by the department of  
27 ecology will serve as a record for considering the extension of the fee  
28 structure in (b) of this subsection.

29 (2) The following are exceptions to the fee schedule in subsection  
30 (1) of this section:

31 (a) For undeveloped projects, the fee shall be at one-half the  
32 rates specified for projects in operation; for projects partly  
33 developed and in operation the fees paid on that portion of any project  
34 that shall have been developed and in operation shall be the full  
35 annual license fee specified in subsection (1) of this section for  
36 projects in operation, and for the remainder of the power claimed under  
37 such project the fees shall be the same as for undeveloped projects.



1 (b) The fees required in subsection (1) of this section do not  
2 apply to any hydropower project owned by the United States.

3 (c) The fees required in subsection (1) of this section do not  
4 apply to the use of water for the generation of fifty horsepower or  
5 less.

6 (d) The fees required in subsection (1) of this section for  
7 projects developed by an irrigation district in conjunction with the  
8 irrigation district's water conveyance system shall be reduced by fifty  
9 percent to reflect the portion of the year when the project is not  
10 operable.

11 (e) Any irrigation district or other municipal subdivision of the  
12 state, developing power chiefly for use in pumping of water for  
13 irrigation, upon the filing of a statement showing the amount of power  
14 used for irrigation pumping, is exempt from the fees in subsection (1)  
15 of this section to the extent of the power used for irrigation pumping.

16 **Sec. 77.** RCW 90.16.090 and 2007 c 286 s 2 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (1) All fees paid under provisions of this chapter, shall be  
19 credited by the state treasurer to the reclamation account created in  
20 RCW 89.16.020 and subject to legislative appropriation, be allocated  
21 and expended by the director of ecology for:

22 (a) Investigations and surveys of natural resources in cooperation  
23 with the federal government, or independently thereof, including stream  
24 gaging, hydrographic, topographic, river, underground water, mineral  
25 and geological surveys; and

26 (b) Expenses associated with staff at the department(~~(s)~~) of  
27 ecology (~~(and fish and wildlife)~~) working on federal energy regulatory  
28 commission relicensing and license implementation.

29 (2) Unless otherwise required by the omnibus biennial  
30 appropriations acts, the expenditures for these purposes must be  
31 proportional to the revenues collected under RCW 90.16.050(1).

32 **Sec. 78.** RCW 90.22.010 and 1997 c 32 s 4 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 The department of ecology may establish minimum water flows or  
35 levels for streams, lakes or other public waters for the purposes of  
36 protecting fish, game, birds or other wildlife resources, or

1 recreational or aesthetic values of said public waters whenever it  
2 appears to be in the public interest to establish the same. In  
3 addition, the department of ecology shall(~~(, when requested by the~~  
4 ~~department of fish and wildlife to)~~) protect fish, game, or other  
5 wildlife resources (~~(under the jurisdiction of the requesting state~~  
6 ~~agency)~~), or if the department of ecology finds it necessary to  
7 preserve water quality, establish such minimum flows or levels as are  
8 required to protect the resource or preserve the water quality  
9 (~~(described in the request or determination)~~). (~~(Any request submitted~~  
10 ~~by the department of fish and wildlife shall include a statement~~  
11 ~~setting forth the need for establishing a minimum flow or level.)~~)  
12 When the department acts to preserve water quality, it shall include a  
13 (~~(similar)~~) statement setting forth the need for establishing a minimum  
14 flow or level with the proposed rule filed with the code reviser. This  
15 section shall not apply to waters artificially stored in reservoirs,  
16 provided that in the granting of storage permits by the department of  
17 ecology in the future, full recognition shall be given to downstream  
18 minimum flows, if any there may be, which have theretofore been  
19 established hereunder.

20 **Sec. 79.** RCW 90.22.020 and 1994 c 264 s 87 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 Flows or levels authorized for establishment under RCW 90.22.010,  
23 or subsequent modification thereof by the department shall be provided  
24 for through the adoption of rules. Before the establishment or  
25 modification of a water flow or level for any stream or lake or other  
26 public water, the department shall hold a public hearing in the county  
27 in which the stream, lake, or other public water is located. If it is  
28 located in more than one county the department shall determine the  
29 location or locations therein and the number of hearings to be  
30 conducted. Notice of the hearings shall be given by publication in a  
31 newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the  
32 stream, lake, or other public waters is located, once a week for two  
33 consecutive weeks before the hearing. The notice shall include the  
34 following:

35 (1) The name of each stream, lake, or other water source under  
36 consideration;

37 (2) The place and time of the hearing;

1 (3) A statement that any person, including any private citizen or  
2 public official, may present his or her views either orally or in  
3 writing.

4 (~~Notice of the hearing shall also be served upon the~~  
5 ~~administrators of the departments of social and health services,~~  
6 ~~natural resources, fish and wildlife, and transportation.~~)

7 **Sec. 80.** RCW 90.22.060 and 1998 c 245 s 172 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 By December 31, 1993, the department of ecology shall, in  
10 cooperation with the Indian tribes, (~~and the department of fish and~~  
11 ~~wildlife,~~) establish a statewide list of priorities for evaluation of  
12 instream flows. In establishing these priorities, the department shall  
13 consider the achievement of wild salmonid production as its primary  
14 goal.

15 **Sec. 81.** RCW 90.24.010 and 1999 c 162 s 1 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 Ten or more owners of real property abutting on a lake may petition  
18 the superior court of the county in which the lake is situated, for an  
19 order to provide for the regulation of the outflow of the lake in order  
20 to maintain a certain water level therein. If there are fewer than ten  
21 owners, a majority of the owners abutting on a lake may petition the  
22 superior court for such an order. The court, after (~~notice to the~~  
23 ~~department of fish and wildlife and~~) a hearing, is authorized to make  
24 an order fixing the water level thereof and directing the department of  
25 ecology to regulate the outflow therefrom in accordance with the  
26 purposes described in the petition. This section shall not apply to  
27 any lake or reservoir used for the storage of water for irrigation or  
28 other beneficial purposes, or to lakes navigable from the sea.

29 **Sec. 82.** RCW 90.24.030 and 1994 c 264 s 88 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 The petition shall be entitled "In the matter of fixing the level  
32 of Lake . . . . . in . . . . . county, Washington", and shall be  
33 filed with the clerk of the court and a copy thereof, together with a  
34 copy of the order fixing the time for hearing the petition, shall be  
35 served on each owner of property abutting on the lake, not less than

1 ten days before the hearing. Like copies shall also be served upon  
2 (~~the director of fish and wildlife and~~) the director of ecology. The  
3 copy of the petition and of the order fixing time for hearing shall be  
4 served in the manner provided by law for the service of summons in  
5 civil actions, or in such other manner as may be prescribed by order of  
6 the court. For the benefit of every riparian owner abutting on a  
7 stream or river flowing from such lake, a copy of the notice of hearing  
8 shall be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks  
9 before the time set for hearing in a newspaper in each county or  
10 counties wherein located, said notice to contain a brief statement of  
11 the reasons and necessity for such application.

12 **Sec. 83.** RCW 90.24.060 and 1994 c 264 s 89 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 Such improvement or device in said lake for the protection of the  
15 fish and game fish therein shall be installed by and under the  
16 direction of the board of county commissioners of said county with the  
17 approval of the (~~respective directors of the department of fish and  
18 wildlife and~~) director of the department of ecology of the state of  
19 Washington and paid for out of the special fund provided for in RCW  
20 90.24.050.

21 **Sec. 84.** RCW 90.38.040 and 2001 c 237 s 29 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) All trust water rights acquired by the department shall be  
24 placed in the Yakima river basin trust water rights program to be  
25 managed by the department. The department shall issue a water right  
26 certificate in the name of the state of Washington for each trust water  
27 right it acquires.

28 (2) Trust water rights shall retain the same priority date as the  
29 water right from which they originated. Trust water rights may be  
30 modified as to purpose or place of use or point of diversion, including  
31 modification from a diversionary use to a nondiversionary instream use.

32 (3) Trust water rights may be held by the department for instream  
33 flows, irrigation use, or other beneficial use. Trust water rights may  
34 be acquired on a temporary or permanent basis. To the extent  
35 practicable and subject to legislative appropriation, trust water

1 rights acquired in an area with an approved watershed plan developed  
2 under chapter 90.82 RCW shall be consistent with that plan if the plan  
3 calls for such acquisition.

4 (4) A schedule of the amount of net water saved as a result of  
5 water conservation projects carried out in accordance with this  
6 chapter, shall be developed annually to reflect the predicted  
7 hydrologic and water supply conditions, as well as anticipated water  
8 demands, for the upcoming irrigation season. This schedule shall serve  
9 as the basis for the distribution and management of trust water rights  
10 each year.

11 (5)(a) No exercise of a trust water right may be authorized unless  
12 the department first determines that no existing water rights, junior  
13 or senior in priority, will be impaired as to their exercise or injured  
14 in any manner whatever by such authorization.

15 (b) Before any trust water right is exercised, the department shall  
16 publish notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation published  
17 in the county or counties in which the storage, diversion, and use are  
18 to be made, and in such other newspapers as the department determines  
19 are necessary, once a week for two consecutive weeks. ~~((At the same  
20 time the department may also send notice thereof containing pertinent  
21 information to the director of fish and wildlife.))~~

22 (c) Subsections (4) and (5)(b) of this section do not apply to a  
23 trust water right resulting from a donation for instream flows  
24 described in RCW 90.38.020(1)(b) or from the lease of a water right  
25 under RCW 90.38.020(6) if the period of the lease does not exceed five  
26 years. However, the department shall provide the notice described in  
27 (b) of this subsection the first time the trust water right resulting  
28 from the donation is exercised.

29 (6) RCW 90.03.380 and 90.14.140 through 90.14.910 shall have no  
30 applicability to trust water rights held by the department under this  
31 chapter or exercised under this section.

32 **Sec. 85.** RCW 90.48.170 and 1994 c 264 s 91 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 Applications for permits shall be made on forms prescribed by the  
35 department and shall contain the name and address of the applicant, a  
36 description of the applicant's operations, the quantity and type of  
37 waste material sought to be disposed of, the proposed method of

1 disposal, and any other relevant information deemed necessary by the  
2 department. Application for permits shall be made at least sixty days  
3 prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration  
4 date, whichever is applicable. Upon receipt of a proper application  
5 relating to a new operation, or an operation previously under permit  
6 for which an increase in volume of wastes or change in character of  
7 effluent is requested over that previously authorized, the department  
8 shall instruct the applicant to publish notices thereof by such means  
9 and within such time as the department shall prescribe. The department  
10 shall require that the notice so prescribed shall be published twice in  
11 a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the  
12 disposal of waste material is proposed to be made and in such other  
13 appropriate information media as the department may direct. Said  
14 notice shall include a statement that any person desiring to present  
15 his or her views to the department with regard to said application may  
16 do so in writing to the department, or any person interested in the  
17 department's action on an application for a permit, may submit his or  
18 her views or notify the department of his or her interest within thirty  
19 days of the last date of publication of notice. Such notification or  
20 submission of views to the department shall entitle said persons to a  
21 copy of the action taken on the application. (~~Upon receipt by the~~  
22 ~~department of an application, it shall immediately send notice thereof~~  
23 ~~containing pertinent information to the director of fish and wildlife~~  
24 ~~and to the secretary of social and health services.)) When an  
25 application complying with the provisions of this chapter and the rules  
26 and regulations of the department has been filed with the department,  
27 it shall be its duty to investigate the application, and determine  
28 whether the use of public waters for waste disposal as proposed will  
29 pollute the same in violation of the public policy of the state.~~

30 **Sec. 86.** RCW 90.48.366 and 2007 c 347 s 1 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 The department(~~(, in consultation with the departments of fish and~~  
33 ~~wildlife and natural resources, and the parks and recreation~~  
34 ~~commission,)) shall adopt rules establishing a compensation schedule  
35 for the discharge of oil in violation of this chapter and chapter 90.56  
36 RCW. The amount of compensation assessed under this schedule shall be  
37 no less than one dollar per gallon of oil spilled and no greater than~~

1 one hundred dollars per gallon of oil spilled. The compensation  
2 schedule shall reflect adequate compensation for unquantifiable damages  
3 or for damages not quantifiable at reasonable cost for any adverse  
4 environmental, recreational, aesthetic, or other effects caused by the  
5 spill and shall take into account:

6 (1) Characteristics of any oil spilled, such as toxicity,  
7 dispersibility, solubility, and persistence, that may affect the  
8 severity of the effects on the receiving environment, living organisms,  
9 and recreational and aesthetic resources;

10 (2) The sensitivity of the affected area as determined by such  
11 factors as: (a) The location of the spill; (b) habitat and living  
12 resource sensitivity; (c) seasonal distribution or sensitivity of  
13 living resources; (d) areas of recreational use or aesthetic  
14 importance; (e) the proximity of the spill to important habitats for  
15 birds, aquatic mammals, fish, or to species listed as threatened or  
16 endangered under state or federal law; (f) significant archaeological  
17 resources as determined by the department of archaeology and historic  
18 preservation; and (g) other areas of special ecological or recreational  
19 importance, as determined by the department; and

20 (3) Actions taken by the party who spilled oil or any party liable  
21 for the spill that: (a) Demonstrate a recognition and affirmative  
22 acceptance of responsibility for the spill, such as the immediate  
23 removal of oil and the amount of oil removed from the environment; or  
24 (b) enhance or impede the detection of the spill, the determination of  
25 the quantity of oil spilled, or the extent of damage, including the  
26 unauthorized removal of evidence such as injured fish or wildlife.

27 **Sec. 87.** RCW 90.48.445 and 1999 sp.s. c 11 s 1 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The director shall issue or approve water quality permits for  
30 use by federal, state, or local governmental agencies and licensed  
31 applicators for the purpose of using, for aquatic noxious weed control,  
32 herbicides and surfactants registered under state or federal pesticide  
33 control laws, and for the purpose of experimental use of herbicides on  
34 aquatic sites, as defined in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 172.3. The issuance of the  
35 permits shall be subject only to compliance with: Federal and state  
36 pesticide label requirements, the requirements of the federal

1 insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, the Washington pesticide  
2 control act, the Washington pesticide application act, and the state  
3 environmental policy act, except that:

4 (a) When the director issues water quality permits for the purpose  
5 of using glyphosate and surfactants registered by the department of  
6 agriculture to control spartina, as defined by RCW 17.26.020, the water  
7 quality permits shall contain the following criteria:

8 (i) Spartina treatment shall occur between June 1st and October  
9 31st of each year unless the department(~~(, the department of~~  
10 ~~agriculture, and the department of fish and wildlife agree to add))~~  
11 authorizes additional dates beyond this period, except that no aerial  
12 application shall be allowed on July 4th or Labor Day and for ground  
13 application on those days the applicator shall post signs at each  
14 corner of the treatment area;

15 (ii) The applicator shall take all reasonable precautions to  
16 prevent the spraying of nontarget vegetation and nonvegetated areas;

17 (iii) A period of fourteen days between treatments is required  
18 prior to re-treating the previously treated areas;

19 (iv) Aerial or ground broadcast application shall not be made when  
20 the wind speed exceeds ten miles per hour; and

21 (v) An application shall not be made when a tidal regime leaves the  
22 plants dry for less than four hours.

23 (b) The director shall issue water quality permits for the purpose  
24 of using herbicides or surfactants registered by the department of  
25 agriculture to control aquatic noxious weeds, other than spartina, and  
26 the permit shall state that aerial and ground broadcast applications  
27 may not be made when the wind speed exceeds ten miles per hour.

28 (c) The director shall issue water quality permits for the  
29 experimental use of herbicides on aquatic sites, as defined in 40  
30 C.F.R. Sec. 172.3, when the department of agriculture has issued an  
31 experimental use permit, under the authority of RCW 15.58.405(3).  
32 Because of the small geographic areas involved and the short duration  
33 of herbicide application, water quality permits issued under this  
34 subsection are not subject to state environmental policy act review.

35 (2) Applicable requirements established in an option or options  
36 recommended for controlling the noxious weed by a final environmental  
37 impact statement published under chapter 43.21C RCW by the department  
38 prior to May 5, 1995, by the department of agriculture, or by the



1 department of agriculture jointly with other state agencies shall be  
2 considered guidelines for the purpose of granting the permits issued  
3 under this chapter. This section may not be construed as requiring the  
4 preparation of a new environmental impact statement to replace a final  
5 environmental impact statement published before May 5, 1995, but  
6 instead shall authorize the department of agriculture, as lead agency  
7 for the control of spartina under RCW 17.26.015, to supplement, amend,  
8 or issue addenda to the final environmental impact statement published  
9 before May 5, 1995, which may assess the environmental impact of the  
10 application of stronger concentrations of active ingredients, altered  
11 application patterns, or other changes as the department of agriculture  
12 deems appropriate.

13 (3) The director of ecology may not utilize this permit authority  
14 to otherwise condition or burden weed control efforts. Except for  
15 permits issued by the director under subsection (1)(c) of this section,  
16 permits issued under this section are effective for five years, unless  
17 a shorter duration is requested by the applicant. The director's  
18 authority to issue water quality modification permits for activities  
19 other than the application of surfactants and approved herbicides, to  
20 control aquatic noxious weeds or the experimental use of herbicides  
21 used on aquatic sites, as defined in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 172.3, is  
22 unaffected by this section.

23 (4) As used in this section, "aquatic noxious weed" means an  
24 aquatic weed on the state noxious weed list adopted under RCW  
25 17.10.080.

26 **Sec. 88.** RCW 90.48.448 and 1999 c 255 s 3 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 (1) Subject to restrictions in this section, a government entity  
29 seeking to control a limited infestation of Eurasian water milfoil may  
30 use the pesticide 2,4-D to treat the milfoil infestation, without  
31 obtaining a permit under RCW 90.48.445, if the milfoil infestation is  
32 either recently documented or remaining after the application of other  
33 control measures, and is limited to twenty percent or less of the  
34 littoral zone of the lake. Any pesticide application made under this  
35 section must be made according to all label requirements for the  
36 product and must meet the public notice requirements of subsection (2)  
37 of this section.

1 (2) Before applying 2,4-D, the government entity shall: (a)  
2 Provide at least twenty-one days' notice to the department of  
3 ecology(~~(, the department of fish and wildlife, the department of~~  
4 ~~agriculture, the department of health,~~) and all lake residents; (b)  
5 post notices of the intent to apply 2,4-D at all public access points;  
6 and (c) place informational buoys around the treatment area.

7 (3) The department (~~(of fish and wildlife)~~) may impose timing  
8 restrictions on the use of 2,4-D to protect salmon and other fish and  
9 wildlife.

10 (4) The department may prohibit the use of 2,4-D if the department  
11 finds the product contains dioxin in excess of the standard allowed by  
12 the United States environmental protection agency. Sampling protocols  
13 and analysis used by the department under this section must be  
14 consistent with those used by the United States environmental  
15 protection agency for testing this product.

16 (5) Government entities using this section to apply 2,4-D may apply  
17 for funds from the freshwater aquatic weeds account consistent with the  
18 freshwater aquatic weeds management program as provided in RCW  
19 43.21A.660.

20 (6) Government entities using this section shall consider  
21 development of long-term control strategies for eradication and control  
22 of the Eurasian water milfoil.

23 (7) For the purpose of this section, "government entities" includes  
24 cities, counties, state agencies, tribes, special purpose districts,  
25 and county weed boards.

26 **Sec. 89.** RCW 90.74.020 and 1997 c 424 s 3 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 (1) Project proponents may use a mitigation plan to propose  
29 compensatory mitigation within a watershed. A mitigation plan shall:

30 (a) Contain provisions that guarantee the long-term viability of  
31 the created, restored, enhanced, or preserved habitat, including  
32 assurances for protecting any essential biological functions and values  
33 defined in the mitigation plan;

34 (b) Contain provisions for long-term monitoring of any created,  
35 restored, or enhanced mitigation site; and

36 (c) Be consistent with the local comprehensive land use plan and

1 any other applicable planning process in effect for the development  
2 area, such as an adopted subbasin or watershed plan.

3 (2) The department(~~(s)~~) of ecology (~~((and fish and wildlife))~~) may  
4 not limit the scope of options in a mitigation plan to areas on or near  
5 the project site, or to habitat types of the same type as contained on  
6 the project site. The department(~~(s)~~) of ecology (~~((and fish and  
7 wildlife))~~) shall fully review and give due consideration to  
8 compensatory mitigation proposals that improve the overall biological  
9 functions and values of the watershed or bay and accommodate the  
10 mitigation needs of infrastructure development.

11 The department(~~(s)~~) of ecology (~~((and fish and wildlife are))~~) is not  
12 required to grant approval to a mitigation plan that the  
13 department(~~(s)~~) finds does not provide equal or better biological  
14 functions and values within the watershed or bay.

15 (3) When making a permit or other regulatory decision under the  
16 guidance of this chapter, the department(~~(s of ecology and fish and  
17 wildlife))~~) shall consider whether the mitigation plan provides equal or  
18 better biological functions and values, compared to the existing  
19 conditions, for the target resources or species identified in the  
20 mitigation plan. This consideration shall be based upon the following  
21 factors:

22 (a) The relative value of the mitigation for the target resources,  
23 in terms of the quality and quantity of biological functions and values  
24 provided;

25 (b) The compatibility of the proposal with the intent of broader  
26 resource management and habitat management objectives and plans, such  
27 as existing resource management plans, watershed plans, critical areas  
28 ordinances, and shoreline master programs;

29 (c) The ability of the mitigation to address scarce functions or  
30 values within a watershed;

31 (d) The benefits of the proposal to broader watershed landscape,  
32 including the benefits of connecting various habitat units or providing  
33 population-limiting habitats or functions for target species;

34 (e) The benefits of early implementation of habitat mitigation for  
35 projects that provide compensatory mitigation in advance of the  
36 project's planned impacts; and

37 (f) The significance of any negative impacts to nontarget species  
38 or resources.

1 (4) A mitigation plan may be approved through a memorandum of  
2 agreement between the project proponent and ~~((either))~~ the department  
3 of ecology ~~((or the department of fish and wildlife, or both))~~.

4 **Sec. 90.** RCW 90.74.030 and 1997 c 424 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) In making regulatory decisions relating to wetland or aquatic  
7 resource mitigation, the department ~~((s of ecology and fish and  
8 wildlife))~~ shall, at the request of the project proponent, follow the  
9 guidance of RCW 90.74.005 through 90.74.020.

10 (2) If the department of ecology ~~((or the department of fish and  
11 wildlife))~~ receives multiple requests for review of mitigation plans,  
12 ~~((each))~~ the department may schedule its review of these proposals to  
13 conform to available budgetary resources.

14 **Sec. 91.** RCW 90.82.048 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 5 s 9 are each amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The timelines and interim milestones in a detailed  
17 implementation plan required by RCW 90.82.043 must address the planned  
18 future use of existing water rights for municipal water supply  
19 purposes, as defined in RCW 90.03.015, that are inchoate, including how  
20 these rights will be used to meet the projected future needs identified  
21 in the watershed plan, and how the use of these rights will be  
22 addressed when implementing instream flow strategies identified in the  
23 watershed plan.

24 (2) The watershed planning unit or other authorized lead agency  
25 shall ensure that holders of water rights for municipal water supply  
26 purposes not currently in use are asked to participate in defining the  
27 timelines and interim milestones to be included in the detailed  
28 implementation plan.

29 (3) The department of health shall annually compile a list of water  
30 system plans and plan updates to be reviewed by the department during  
31 the coming year and shall ~~((consult with the departments of community,  
32 trade, and economic development, ecology, and fish and wildlife to))~~:

33 (a) Identify watersheds where further coordination is needed between  
34 water system planning and local watershed planning under this chapter;  
35 and (b) develop a work plan for conducting the necessary coordination.

1       **Sec. 92.** RCW 90.90.020 and 2006 c 6 s 3 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1)(a) Water supplies secured through the development of new  
4 storage facilities made possible with funding from the Columbia river  
5 basin water supply development account shall be allocated as follows:

6       (i) Two-thirds of active storage shall be available for  
7 appropriation for out-of-stream uses; and

8       (ii) One-third of active storage shall be available to augment  
9 instream flows and shall be managed by the department of ecology. The  
10 timing of releases of this water shall be determined by the department  
11 of ecology, in cooperation with the (~~department of fish and wildlife~~  
12 ~~and~~) fisheries comanagers, to maximize benefits to salmon and  
13 steelhead populations.

14       (b) Water available for appropriation under (a)(i) of this  
15 subsection but not yet appropriated shall be temporarily available to  
16 augment instream flows to the extent that it does not impair existing  
17 water rights.

18       (2) Water developed under the provisions of this section to offset  
19 out-of-stream uses and for instream flows is deemed adequate mitigation  
20 for the issuance of new water rights provided for in subsection (1)(a)  
21 of this section and satisfies all consultation requirements under state  
22 law related to the issuance of new water rights.

23       (3) The department of ecology shall focus its efforts to develop  
24 water supplies for the Columbia river basin on the following needs:

25       (a) Alternatives to groundwater for agricultural users in the  
26 Odessa subarea aquifer;

27       (b) Sources of water supply for pending water right applications;

28       (c) A new uninterruptible supply of water for the holders of  
29 interruptible water rights on the Columbia river mainstem that are  
30 subject to instream flows or other mitigation conditions to protect  
31 stream flows; and

32       (d) New municipal, domestic, industrial, and irrigation water needs  
33 within the Columbia river basin.

34       (4) The one-third/two-thirds allocation of water resources between  
35 instream and out-of-stream uses established in this section does not  
36 apply to applications for changes or transfers of existing water rights  
37 in the Columbia river basin.

1       **Sec. 93.** RCW 90.90.030 and 2006 c 6 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The department of ecology may enter into voluntary regional  
4 agreements for the purpose of providing new water for out-of-stream  
5 use, streamlining the application process, and protecting instream  
6 flow.

7       (2) Such agreements shall ensure that:

8       (a) For water rights issued from the Columbia river mainstem, there  
9 is no negative impact on Columbia river mainstem instream flows in the  
10 months of July and August as a result of the new appropriations issued  
11 under the agreement;

12       (b) For water rights issued from the lower Snake river mainstem,  
13 there is no negative impact on Snake river mainstem instream flows from  
14 April through August as a result of the new appropriations issued under  
15 the agreement; and

16       (c) Efforts are made to harmonize such agreements with watershed  
17 plans adopted under the authority of chapter 90.82 RCW that are  
18 applicable to the area covered by the agreement.

19       (3) The protection of instream flow as set forth in subsection (2)  
20 of this section is adequate for purposes of mitigating instream flow  
21 impacts resulting from any appropriations for out-of-stream use made  
22 under a voluntary regional agreement, and the only applicable  
23 consultation provisions under state law regarding instream flow impacts  
24 shall be those set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

25       (4) Before executing a voluntary agreement under this section, the  
26 department of ecology shall:

27       (a) Provide a sixty-day period for consultation with county  
28 legislative authorities and watershed planning groups with jurisdiction  
29 over the area where the water rights included in the agreement are  
30 located, (~~the department of fish and wildlife,~~) and affected tribal  
31 governments, and federal agencies. (~~The department of fish and  
32 wildlife shall provide written comments within that time period.~~) The  
33 consultation process for voluntary regional agreements developed under  
34 the provisions of this section is deemed adequate for the issuance of  
35 new water rights provided for in this section and satisfies all  
36 consultation requirements under state law related to the issuance of  
37 new water rights; and

1 (b) Provide a thirty-day public review and comment period for a  
2 draft agreement, and publish a summary of any public comments received.  
3 The thirty-day review period shall not begin until after the department  
4 of ecology has concluded its consultation under (a) of this subsection  
5 and the comments that have been received by the department are made  
6 available to the public.

7 (5) The provisions of subsection (4) of this section satisfy all  
8 applicable consultation requirements under state law.

9 (6) The provisions of this section and any voluntary regional  
10 agreements developed under such provisions may not be relied upon by  
11 the department of ecology as a precedent, standard, or model that must  
12 be followed in any other voluntary regional agreements.

13 (7) Nothing in this section may be interpreted or administered in  
14 a manner that precludes the processing of water right applications  
15 under chapter 90.03 or 90.44 RCW that are not included in a voluntary  
16 regional agreement.

17 (8) Nothing in this section may be interpreted or administered in  
18 a manner that impairs or diminishes a valid water right or a habitat  
19 conservation plan approved for purposes of compliance with the federal  
20 endangered species act.

21 (9) The department of ecology shall monitor and evaluate the water  
22 allocated to instream and out-of-stream uses under this section,  
23 evaluate the program, and provide an interim report to the appropriate  
24 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2008. A final report shall  
25 be provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June  
26 30, 2011.

27 (10) If the department of ecology executes a voluntary agreement  
28 under this section that includes water rights appropriated from the  
29 lower Snake river mainstem, the department shall develop aggregate data  
30 in accordance with the provisions of RCW 90.90.050 for the lower Snake  
31 river mainstem.

32 (11) Any agreement entered into under this section shall remain in  
33 full force and effect through the term of the agreement regardless of  
34 the expiration of this section.

35 (12) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section and  
36 RCW 90.90.050, and may only be used for purposes of implementing these  
37 sections.

1 (a) "Columbia river mainstem" means all water in the Columbia river  
2 within the ordinary high water mark of the main channel of the Columbia  
3 river between the border of the United States and Canada and the  
4 Bonneville dam, and all groundwater within one mile of the high water  
5 mark.

6 (b) "Lower Snake river mainstem" means all water in the lower Snake  
7 river within the ordinary high water mark of the main channel of the  
8 lower Snake river from the head of Ice Harbor pool to the confluence of  
9 the Snake and Columbia rivers, and all groundwater within one mile of  
10 the high water mark.

11 (13) This section expires June 30, 2012.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 94.** RCW 77.55.121 is recodified as a section in  
13 chapter 76.09 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 95.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
15 each repealed:

16 (1) RCW 79.13.610 (Grazing lands--Fish and wildlife goals--  
17 Technical advisory committee--Implementation) and 1998 c 245 s 162 &  
18 1993 sp.s. c 4 s 5;

19 (2) RCW 79.105.220 (Lease of tidelands in front of public parks)  
20 and 2005 c 155 s 145, 2002 c 152 s 2, & 1984 c 221 s 5;

21 (3) RCW 79.135.230 (Intensive management plan for geoducks) and  
22 2005 c 155 s 718, 1994 c 264 s 74, & 1984 c 221 s 26;

23 (4) RCW 79.135.310 (Inspection by director of fish and wildlife)  
24 and 2005 c 155 s 711, 1994 c 264 s 71, & 1982 1st ex.s. c 21 s 143;

25 (5) RCW 79.135.430 (Seaweed--Enforcement) and 2005 c 155 s 717,  
26 2003 c 334 s 444, 1994 c 286 s 3, & 1993 c 283 s 5;

27 (6) RCW 79.145.030 (Coordinating implementation--Rules) and 2005 c  
28 155 s 903, 1994 c 264 s 65, & 1989 c 23 s 3;

29 (7) RCW 79A.05.670 (Consultation with government agencies required)  
30 and 1999 c 249 s 1102 & 1988 c 75 s 8;

31 (8) RCW 79A.05.735 (Mt. Si conservation area--Management) and 2000  
32 c 11 s 60, 1994 c 264 s 23, 1988 c 36 s 17, & 1977 ex.s. c 306 s 3;

33 (9) RCW 79A.50.070 (State lands used for state parks--Certain funds  
34 appropriated for rental to be deposited without deduction for  
35 management purposes) and 1969 ex.s. c 189 s 3;



1           (10) RCW 76.09.160 (Right of entry by department of ecology) and  
2 1974 ex.s. c 137 s 16; and

3           (11) RCW 77.12.360 (Withdrawal of state land from lease--  
4 Compensation) and 1980 c 78 s 54, 1969 ex.s. c 129 s 3, & 1955 c 36 s  
5 77.12.360.

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