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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6072**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes and Ranker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a biennial update on forage fish;  
2 and amending RCW 77.04.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.120 and 2000 c 107 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director shall investigate the habits, supply, and economic  
7 use of food fish and shellfish in state and offshore waters.

8 (2) The director shall make an annual report to the governor on the  
9 operation of the department and the statistics of the fishing industry.

10 (3) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036 and within existing resources,  
11 the department shall provide a biennial report on forage fish,  
12 including anchovy, herring, sand lance, sardine, and smelt, to the  
13 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by  
14 June 30th of each odd-numbered year. The report must include, at  
15 minimum: A status report on current state and federal forage fish  
16 population assessment efforts; a profile of the relevant recreational  
17 and commercial fisheries; economic data for these fisheries, including  
18 identification of significant markets as well as any known potential  
19 risks to these markets relating to declining forage fish populations;

1 the status of known research efforts intending to determine the impact  
2 of forage fish removal on marine ecosystems, on endangered marine  
3 species, and on marine mammal and marine bird populations; a summary  
4 identifying any known gaps in existing research efforts; and the status  
5 of the department's forage fish conservation efforts.

6 (4) Subject to RCW 40.07.040, the director shall provide a  
7 comprehensive biennial report of all departmental operations to the  
8 chairs of the committees on natural resources of the senate and house  
9 of representatives, the senate ways and means committee, and the house  
10 of representatives appropriations committee, including one copy to the  
11 staff of each of the committees, to reflect the previous fiscal period.  
12 The format of the report shall be similar to reports issued by the  
13 department from 1964-1970 and the report shall include, but not be  
14 limited to, descriptions of all department activities including:  
15 Revenues generated, program costs, capital expenditures, personnel,  
16 special projects, new and ongoing research, environmental controls,  
17 cooperative projects, intergovernmental agreements, and outlines of  
18 ongoing litigation, recent court decisions and orders on major issues  
19 with the potential for state liability. The report shall describe the  
20 status of the resource and its recreational, commercial, and tribal  
21 utilization. The report shall be made available to the public.

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