

SB 6633 - H AMD 890

By Representative Shea

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1 On page 3, line 27, after "recommendations;" strike "and" and
2 insert "~~(and)~~"

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4 On page 3, line 31, after "legislature" insert "; and

5 (f) To evaluate and develop policy options that support the
6 protection of fish species listed under the federal endangered species
7 act from pinniped predation. The council's evaluation and development
8 of policy options must include:

9 (i) The pursuit of a waiver to the federal marine mammal
10 protection act that permits actions necessary to protect listed
11 species from predation by sea lions and seals; and

12 (ii) The development of legislation, working with the Washington
13 delegation of elected representatives and senators in the United
14 States house of representatives and the United States Senate, to amend
15 the federal marine mammal protection act to facilitate the recovery of
16 fish species in Puget Sound listed under the federal endangered
17 species act by sustainably limiting levels of pinniped predation"

EFFECT: Adds to the responsibilities of the Marine Resources Advisory Council (Council) by directing them to evaluate and develop policy options that support the protection of fish species listed under the federal endangered species act from predation by seals and sea lions. Requires the policy options pursued by the Council to include waivers from the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (Act), and the development, in conjunction with Washington's congressional delegation, of federal legislation to amend the Act.

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