
SENATE BILL 5962

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By Senators Dansel and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of fish and wildlife
2 to amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan; creating
3 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of fish and wildlife
6 must amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan, as
7 adopted in December 2011, to better address the wolf recovery rate
8 and uneven distribution that has occurred since the initial adoption
9 of the plan.

10 (2) The department of fish and wildlife must amend the wolf
11 conservation and management plan as the department best sees fit to
12 manage the state's growing wolf population. However, the amendments
13 must include, at a minimum:

14 (a) The identification of a management result, based on a minimum
15 number of wolves and an appropriate distribution pattern in two of
16 the three recovery zones identified in the plan, that allows recovery
17 to be deemed successful; and

18 (b) A change in the metric for identifying successful wolf
19 recovery that is based on the number of wolf packs in the state and
20 not on the number of breeding pairs.

1 (3) The amendments to the wolf conservation and management plan
2 made under this section are not subject to the provision of RCW
3 43.21C.030(2)(c).

4 (4) The amendments to the wolf conservation and management plan
5 required under this section must be completed by June 30, 2017.

6 (5) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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