

ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) **336**

By Representative Walsh, J.

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1 On page 131, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "(6) (a) The department must submit a report to the appropriate
3 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2017, regarding the status
4 of:

5 (i) The development of a supplemental environmental impact
6 statement that builds upon the April, 2015 publication: Final
7 Environmental Impact Statement Control of Burrowing Shrimp Using
8 Imidacloprid on Commercial Oyster and Clam Beds in Willapa Bay and
9 Grays Harbor, Washington, published by the department; and

10 (ii) The issuance of a general national pollutant discharge
11 elimination system waste discharge permit allowing the use of
12 Imidacloprid to control burrowing shrimp;

13 (b) If the Department of Ecology has not completed the
14 supplemental environmental impact statement in (a)(i) by May 31, 2017
15 or issued the general permit under (a) (ii) by June 30, 2017, the
16 report to the legislature required by (a) must include a description
17 of the status of the supplemental environmental impact statement and
18 general permit, and a detailed description of steps to be undertaken
19 by the department to ensure that the supplemental environmental impact
20 statement has been completed and the general permit has been issued in
21 time to allow oyster growers to rely on the general permit during the
22 2018 season, or of the steps to be undertaken by the department to
23 ensure that another equally viable and economically feasible option
24 for the control of burrowing shrimp is available to oyster growers in
25 Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for use during the 2018 growing season."

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EFFECT: Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to report on the status of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

(SEIS) and general permit on the use of Imidacloprid to control burrowing shrimp. If the SEIS or general permit have not been completed by a certain time, Ecology must report on their status and steps to be taken to complete them by the 2018 oyster growing season.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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