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1 AN ACT Relating to tribal consultation regarding hunting rights
2 and activities; and amending RCW 43.376.050 and 77.04.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.376.050 and 2012 c 122 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) At least once a year, the governor and other statewide
7 elected officials must meet with leaders of Indian tribes to address
8 issues of mutual concern.

9 (2) The governor must maintain for public reference an updated
10 list of the names and contact information for the individuals
11 designated as tribal liaisons and the names and contact information
12 for tribal leadership as submitted by an Indian tribe.

13 (3) The governing body of any tribal government of a tribe with
14 federally recognized hunting rights within the state may request a
15 consultation with the governor and the fish and wildlife commission
16 regarding any specific fish and wildlife department policy, rule, or
17 action that affects tribal hunting rights. The governor must convene
18 a meeting within thirty days of receiving such a request. The fish
19 and wildlife commission must attend the meeting, or delegate this
20 responsibility to the director of the department of fish and
21 wildlife, when agreed upon by the requesting tribe. Any meeting

1 convened pursuant to this section is not subject to the requirements
2 of the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.04.055 and 2000 c 107 s 204 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In establishing policies to preserve, protect, and perpetuate
6 wildlife, fish, and wildlife and fish habitat, the commission shall
7 meet annually with the governor to:

8 (a) Review and prescribe basic goals and objectives related to
9 those policies; and

10 (b) Review the performance of the department in implementing fish
11 and wildlife policies.

12 The commission shall maximize fishing, hunting, and outdoor
13 recreational opportunities compatible with healthy and diverse fish
14 and wildlife populations.

15 (2) The commission shall establish hunting, trapping, and fishing
16 seasons and prescribe the time, place, manner, and methods that may
17 be used to harvest or enjoy game fish and wildlife.

18 (3) The commission shall establish provisions regulating food
19 fish and shellfish as provided in RCW 77.12.047.

20 (4) The commission shall have final approval authority for
21 tribal, interstate, international, and any other department
22 agreements relating to fish and wildlife.

23 (5) The commission must agree to consult with the governor and
24 tribal governments, pursuant to RCW 43.376.050.

25 (6) The commission shall adopt rules to implement the state's
26 fish and wildlife laws.

27 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The commission shall have final approval authority
28 for the department's budget proposals.

29 ~~((+7))~~ (8) The commission shall select its own staff and shall
30 appoint the director of the department. The director and commission
31 staff shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

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