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By Representatives Dye, Blake, Griffey, Chapman, Dent, Tarleton, Nealey, Tharinger, and Ormsby; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Columbia river recreational salmon and
2 steelhead endorsement program; amending RCW 77.12.712, 77.12.714,
3 77.12.716, 77.12.718, and 77.32.580; repealing 2016 c 223 ss 7, 8,
4 and 9, 2011 c 339 s 40, and 2009 c 420 s 7 (uncodified); providing
5 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.712 and 2016 c 223 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The department shall create and administer a Columbia river
10 recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program. The program
11 must facilitate continued and, to the maximum extent possible,
12 improved recreational salmon and steelhead selective fishing
13 opportunities on the Columbia river and its tributaries by
14 supplementing the resources available to the department to carry out
15 the scientific monitoring and evaluation, data collection,
16 permitting, reporting, enforcement, and other activities necessary to
17 provide such opportunities. Program funding may not be used to
18 acquire land or develop fishing access sites.

19 (2) This section expires June 30, 2022.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.714 and 2016 c 223 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead
4 endorsement program account is created in the custody of the state
5 treasurer. All receipts from Columbia river salmon and steelhead
6 endorsement purchases under RCW 77.32.580 and gifts made for purposes
7 of the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement
8 program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
9 account may be used only for purposes of the program created in RCW
10 77.12.712. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize
11 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
12 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
13 required for expenditures.

14 (2) This section expires June 30, 2022.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.12.716 and 2016 c 223 s 3 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The department shall administer the Columbia river
18 recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program in consultation
19 with a Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
20 board. The board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
21 department.

22 (2) The department shall solicit recommendations for membership
23 on the Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board
24 from recognized recreational fishing organizations of the Columbia
25 river, and the director or director's designee shall give deference
26 to such recommendations when selecting board members. In making these
27 selections, the director or director's designee shall seek to provide
28 equitable representation from the various geographic areas of the
29 Columbia river. The board must consist of no fewer than six and no
30 more than ten members at any one time.

31 (3) The Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
32 board shall make annual recommendations to the department regarding
33 program expenditures. To the maximum extent possible, the board and
34 department shall seek to reach consensus regarding program activities
35 and expenditures. The director or the director's designee shall
36 provide the board with a written explanation when the department
37 expends funds from the Columbia river recreational salmon and
38 steelhead endorsement program account created in RCW 77.12.714 in a
39 manner that differs substantially from board recommendations.

1 (4) Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers
2 board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance
3 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (5) This section expires June 30, 2022.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.12.718 and 2016 c 223 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall maintain updated information about
8 Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program
9 revenue and expenditures on its internet site. The information may
10 include project summaries, analysis and figures similar to the 2014
11 report to the legislature on the program, and other information
12 deemed appropriate by the department and the Columbia river salmon
13 and steelhead recreational anglers board.

14 (2) By December 1, 2014, the department and the Columbia river
15 salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board shall review the
16 Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program,
17 prepare a brief summary of the activities conducted under the
18 program, and provide this summary and a recommendation whether the
19 program should be continued to the appropriate committees of the
20 senate and house of representatives.

21 (3) This section expires June 30, 2022.

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.580 and 2016 c 223 s 5 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) In addition to a recreational license required under this
25 chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead endorsement is
26 required in order for any person fifteen years of age or older to
27 fish recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia river and
28 its tributaries where these fisheries have been authorized by the
29 department. The cost for each endorsement is seven dollars and fifty
30 cents for residents and nonresidents and six dollars for youth and
31 seniors. The department shall deposit all receipts from endorsement
32 purchases into the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead
33 endorsement program account created in RCW 77.12.714.

34 (2) For the purposes of this section and RCW 77.12.712 and
35 77.12.714 through 77.12.718, the term "Columbia river" means the
36 Columbia river from a line across the Columbia river between Rocky
37 Point in Washington and Tongue Point in Oregon to the Chief Joseph
38 dam.

1 (3) This section expires June 30, 2022.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are
3 each repealed:

4 (1) 2016 c 223 s 7 & 2009 c 420 s 7 (uncodified);

5 (2) 2016 c 223 s 8 & 2011 c 339 s 40 (uncodified); and

6 (3) 2016 c 223 s 9 (uncodified).

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
9 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
10 effect immediately.

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