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By Representatives Shewmake and Taylor; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to the advisory committee on hunters and fishers
2 with disabilities; and amending RCW 77.04.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.150 and 2008 c 294 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The commission must appoint an advisory committee to
7 generally represent the interests of hunters and fishers with
8 disabilities on matters including, but not limited to, special hunts,
9 modified sporting equipment, access to public land, and hunting and
10 fishing opportunities. The advisory committee is composed of seven
11 members, each being an individual with a disability. Two additional
12 members, who have demonstrable experience working with disabled
13 persons in a natural resource environment, may be appointed to the
14 advisory committee. The advisory committee members must represent the
15 entire state. The members must be appointed so that each of the six
16 department administrative regions, as they existed on January 1,
17 2007, are represented with one resident on the advisory committee.
18 One additional member must be appointed at large. The chair of the
19 advisory committee must be a member of the advisory committee and
20 shall be selected by the members of the advisory committee.

1 ~~((For the purposes of this section, an individual with a~~
2 ~~disability includes but is not limited to:~~

3 ~~(a) An individual with a permanent disability who is not~~
4 ~~ambulatory over natural terrain without a prosthesis or assistive~~
5 ~~device;~~

6 ~~(b) An individual with a permanent disability who is unable to~~
7 ~~walk without the use of assistance from a brace, cane, crutch,~~
8 ~~wheelchair, scooter, walker, or other assistive device;~~

9 ~~(c) An individual who has a cardiac condition to the extent that~~
10 ~~the individual's functional limitations are severe;~~

11 ~~(d) An individual who is restricted by lung disease to the extent~~
12 ~~that the individual's functional limitations are severe;~~

13 ~~(e) An individual who is totally blind or visually impaired; or~~

14 ~~(f) An individual with a permanent disability with upper or lower~~
15 ~~extremity impairments who does not have the use of one or both upper~~
16 ~~or lower extremities.~~

17 ~~(3))~~ The members of the advisory committee are appointed for a
18 four-year term. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee prior
19 to the expiration of a term, the commission must appoint a
20 replacement within sixty days to complete the term.

21 ~~((4))~~ (3) The advisory committee must meet at least
22 semiannually, and may meet at other times as requested by a majority
23 of the advisory committee members for any express purpose that
24 directly relates to the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this
25 section. A majority of members currently serving on the advisory
26 committee constitutes a quorum. The department must provide staff
27 support for all official advisory committee meetings.

28 ~~((5))~~ (4) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve
29 without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as
30 authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

31 ~~((6))~~ (5) The members of the advisory committee, or individuals
32 acting on their behalf, are immune from civil liability for official
33 acts performed in the course of their duties.

34 ~~((7) Beginning December 1, 2011, and again at least once every~~
35 ~~four years, the commission shall present a report to the appropriate~~
36 ~~legislative committees detailing the effectiveness of the advisory~~
37 ~~committee including, but not limited to, the participation levels,~~

1 ~~general interest, quality of advice, and recommendations as to the~~
2 ~~advisory committee's continuance or modification.))~~

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