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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the
2 marine resources advisory council; amending RCW 43.06.338; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the marine
6 resources advisory council, first established in 2013, continues to
7 serve an important role in confronting the ongoing threat of ocean
8 acidification in Washington. Through the marine resources advisory
9 council and the work that it supports, Washington is an academic,
10 government, and industry leader in efforts to address the impacts of
11 ocean acidification. It is the intent of the legislature to support
12 the continued critical ocean acidification work of the marine
13 resources advisory council.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.06.338 and 2016 sp.s. c 27 s 1 are each amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The Washington marine resources advisory council is created
17 within the office of the governor.

18 (2) The Washington marine resources advisory council is composed
19 of:

1 (a) The governor, or the governor's designee, who shall serve as
2 the chair of the council;

3 (b) The commissioner of public lands, or the commissioner's
4 designee;

5 (c) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the
6 senate, one from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate;

7 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives, one from each of the two
9 largest caucuses in the house of representatives;

10 (e) One representative of federally recognized Indian tribes with
11 reservations lying within or partially within counties bordering the
12 outer coast, if selected by action of all of the governing bodies of
13 all federally recognized Indian tribes in such an area;

14 (f) One representative of federally recognized Indian tribes with
15 reservations lying within or partially within counties bordering
16 Puget Sound, if selected by action of all of the governing bodies of
17 all federally recognized Indian tribes in such an area;

18 (g) One representative of each of the following sectors,
19 appointed by the governor:

20 (i) Commercial fishing;

21 (ii) Recreational fishing;

22 (iii) Marine recreation and tourism, other than fishing;

23 (iv) Coastal shellfish growers;

24 (v) Puget Sound shellfish growers;

25 (vi) Marine businesses; and

26 (vii) Conservation organizations;

27 (h) The chair of the Washington state conservation commission, or
28 the chair's designee;

29 (i) One representative appointed by the largest statewide general
30 agricultural association;

31 (j) One representative appointed by the largest statewide
32 business association;

33 (k) The chair of the Washington coastal marine advisory council;

34 (l) The chair of the leadership council of the Puget Sound
35 partnership;

36 (m) The director of the department of ecology;

37 (n) The director of the department of fish and wildlife; and

38 (o) The chair of the Northwest Straits commission.

39 (3) The governor shall invite the participation of the following
40 entities as nonvoting members:

1 (a) The national oceanic and atmospheric administration; and

2 (b) Academic institutions conducting scientific research on ocean
3 acidification.

4 (4) The governor shall make the appointments of the members under
5 subsection (2)(g) of this section by September 1, 2013.

6 (5) Any member appointed by the governor may be removed by the
7 governor for cause.

8 (6) A majority of the voting members of the Washington marine
9 resources advisory council constitute a quorum for the transaction of
10 business.

11 (7) The chair of the Washington marine resources advisory council
12 shall schedule meetings and establish the agenda. The first meeting
13 of the council must be scheduled by November 1, 2013. The council
14 shall meet at least twice per calendar year. At each meeting the
15 council shall afford an opportunity to the public to comment upon
16 agenda items and other matters relating to the protection and
17 conservation of the state's ocean resources.

18 (8) The Washington marine resources advisory council shall have
19 the following powers and duties:

20 (a) To maintain a sustainable coordinated focus, including the
21 involvement of and the collaboration among all levels of government
22 and nongovernmental entities, the private sector, and citizens by
23 increasing the state's ability to work to address impacts of ocean
24 acidification;

25 (b) To advise and work with the University of Washington and
26 others to conduct ongoing technical analysis on the effects and
27 sources of ocean acidification. The recommendations must identify a
28 range of actions necessary to implement the recommendations and take
29 into consideration the differences between in-state impacts and
30 sources and out-of-state impacts and sources;

31 (c) To deliver recommendations to the governor and appropriate
32 committees in the Washington state senate and house of
33 representatives that must include, as necessary, any minority reports
34 requested by a councilmember;

35 (d) To seek public and private funding resources necessary, and
36 the commitment of other resources, for ongoing technical analysis to
37 support the council's recommendations; and

38 (e) To assist in conducting public education activities regarding
39 the impacts of and contributions to ocean acidification and regarding

1 implementation strategies to support the actions adopted by the
2 legislature.

3 ~~((9) This section expires June 30, 2022.)~~

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