
SENATE BILL 5306

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By Senators Short, Van De Wege, Nobles, and Stanford; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the department of fish and
2 wildlife to establish disease interdiction and control check
3 stations; and adding a new chapter to Title 77 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed are
6 property of the state and are a valuable resource. There are
7 infectious diseases and infestations that can damage, threaten, and
8 endanger fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed resources. The
9 department is authorized to take reasonable, preventative measures to
10 protect Washington's fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed species
11 from infectious diseases and infestations.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department is authorized to
13 establish disease interdiction and control check stations.

14 (2) The check stations may be signed from roadsides, including
15 state highways and interstates.

16 (3) Signage must indicate which diseases or infestations are
17 being investigated, and what fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed
18 are being checked.

19 (4) The signage must be placed in coordination with the
20 department of transportation.

1 (5) The check stations must be operated in a safe manner.

2 (6) A person who encounters a disease interdiction and control
3 check station while transporting fish, wildlife, shellfish, or
4 seaweed in their possession is requested to stop at the check station
5 and allow the fish, wildlife, shellfish, or seaweed in their
6 possession to be inspected and sampled for the diseases or
7 infestations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
9 new chapter in Title 77 RCW.

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