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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5421

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**By** Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Jacobsen, Rockefeller, Swecker, Hargrove, Shin, and Marr)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Columbia river recreational salmon  
2 and steelhead pilot stamp program; adding new sections to chapter 77.12  
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating new sections;  
4 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
7 establish the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot  
8 stamp program to continue and, to the maximum extent possible, increase  
9 recreational selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia river and  
10 its tributaries.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 The department shall create and administer a Columbia river  
14 recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program. The program  
15 must facilitate continued and, to the maximum extent possible, improved  
16 recreational salmon and steelhead selective fishing opportunities on  
17 the Columbia river and its tributaries by supplementing the resources

1 available to the department to carry out the scientific monitoring and  
2 evaluation, data collection, permitting, reporting, enforcement, and  
3 other activities necessary to provide such opportunities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to a recreational license required under this  
7 chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or endorsement is  
8 required in order for any person fifteen years of age or older to fish  
9 recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia river and its  
10 tributaries where these fisheries have been authorized by the  
11 department. The cost for each stamp or endorsement is seven dollars  
12 and fifty cents. The department shall deposit all receipts from stamp  
13 or endorsement purchases into the Columbia river recreational salmon  
14 and steelhead pilot stamp program account created in section 4 of this  
15 act.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section and sections 2 and 4 through  
17 6 of this act, the term "Columbia river" means the Columbia river from  
18 a line across the Columbia river between Rocky Point in Washington and  
19 Tongue Point in Oregon to the Chief Joseph dam.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 The Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp  
23 program account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All  
24 receipts from Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or endorsement  
25 purchases under section 3 of this act and gifts made for purposes of  
26 the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp  
27 program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the  
28 account may be used only for purposes of the program created in section  
29 2 of this act. Only the director or the director's designee may  
30 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to  
31 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
32 not required for expenditures.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) The department shall administer the Columbia river recreational

1 salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program in consultation with a  
2 Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board. The  
3 board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the department.

4 (2) The department shall solicit recommendations for membership on  
5 the Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board from  
6 recognized recreational fishing organizations of the Columbia river,  
7 and the director or director's designee shall give deference to such  
8 recommendations when selecting board members. In making these  
9 selections, the director or director's designee shall seek to provide  
10 equitable representation from the various geographic areas of the  
11 Columbia river. The board must consist of no fewer than six and no  
12 more than ten members at any one time.

13 (3) The Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers  
14 board shall make annual recommendations to the department regarding  
15 program expenditures. To the maximum extent possible, the board and  
16 department shall seek to reach consensus regarding program activities  
17 and expenditures. The director or the director's designee shall  
18 provide the board with a written explanation when the department  
19 expends funds from the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead  
20 pilot stamp program account created in section 4 of this act in a  
21 manner that differs substantially from board recommendations.

22 (4) Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board  
23 members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
24 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 By December 1, 2014, the department and the Columbia river salmon  
28 and steelhead recreational anglers board shall review the Columbia  
29 river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program, prepare a  
30 brief summary of the activities conducted under the program, and  
31 provide this summary and a recommendation whether the program should be  
32 continued to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of  
33 representatives.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act expire June  
35 30, 2016.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 8.** By September 1, 2009, the department of fish  
2 and wildlife shall:

3        (1) Establish and make publicly available a list of tributaries to  
4 the Columbia river where a Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp or  
5 endorsement is required to fish recreationally for salmon or steelhead  
6 pursuant to section 3 of this act; and

7        (2) Elect between issuing stamps or issuing endorsements pursuant  
8 to section 3 of this act. The department of fish and wildlife shall  
9 proceed using the option that it determines will result in the least  
10 administrative costs.

11       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 9.** Nothing in this act changes the allocation  
12 of salmon or steelhead fisheries in the Columbia river and its  
13 tributaries or the authorities or processes by which such allocations  
14 are determined.

15       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 10.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January  
16 1, 2010.

17       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 11.** A Columbia river salmon and steelhead stamp  
18 or endorsement is not subject to the additional ten percent transaction  
19 fee on recreational licenses, permits, tags, stamps, or raffle tickets  
20 to be charged during the 2009-2011 biennium under chapter . . .  
21 (Substitute House Bill No. 1778), Laws of 2009 if it or a subsequent  
22 version thereof becomes law.

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