

2024 Legislative Requests

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Ongoing Agency Policy Requests

1226 - Requiring recreational licenses for eulachon, carp and crawfish species.

5306 - Authority for Chronic Wasting Disease, and other disease, voluntary check stations on highways.



1226 Eulachon, carp, and crawfish licensing – goal of education and voluntary compliance with resource protection restrictions.

RCW 77.32.010

Recreational license required—Activities—Pass or permit for parking.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or department rule, a recreational license issued by the director is required to hunt, fish, or take wildlife or seaweed. ~~A recreational fishing or shellfish license is not required for carp, freshwater smelt, and crawfish, and a hunting license is not required for bullfrogs....~~



5306 Using voluntary check stations to monitor chronic wasting disease.

77.40.200 - **Disease check stations** – Disease interdiction and control

- 1) The department is authorized to establish disease interdiction and control check stations.
- 2) The check stations may be signed from roadsides, including state highways and interstates.
- 3) Signage shall indicate which diseases or infestations are being investigated, and what wildlife is being checked.
- 4) The signage will be placed in coordination with the department of transportation.
- 5) The check stations shall be operated by a uniformed fish and wildlife employee and operated in a safe manner.
- 6) A person who encounters a Disease interdiction and control check station while transporting wildlife in their possession, is requested to stop at the check station and allow wildlife in their possession to be inspected and sampled for the diseases or infestations.



Possible Agency Policy Request

1. Protecting the confidentiality of other states fisheries information.
2. Allow concurrent application for habitat recovery pilot project (HRPP) permits and cultural resources reviews.
3. Expand recreational land management authority to better utilize non-profits and volunteers.
4. Increase state funding of crop damage .



1. State Confidential Fisheries Information

The sharing of confidential data among the Department of Fish and Wildlife and partner agencies is a key element of successful fisheries management on the West Coast.

Many fishers participate in multiple fisheries and deliver their catches into multiple states.

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(6) (a) Information that the department of fish and wildlife has received or accessed but may not disclose due to confidentiality requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens fishery conservation and management reauthorization act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1861(h)(3) and (i), and Sec. 1881a (b)); and

(b) Fisheries related information that was collected by another state and is confidential under the laws of that state;

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2. Expedited Permits – 77.55.4802.

...must review the project with the department of archaeology and historic preservation and complete any required site surveys ~~before the project applicant files an application under this section....~~

...may not review a project under the expedited process created in this section if a cultural resource site is identified at the project site or if an affected federally recognized tribe withholds its consent that the project should be expedited according to the process set forth in this section...



3. Recreational Land Management

Planning, construction, and operation of conservation, recreational sites, areas, roads, and trails developed or maintained by itself or in conjunction with any public agency, nonprofit organization, volunteer, or volunteer organization, including entering cooperative agreements for these purposes

Entering cooperative agreements with public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and volunteer organizations regarding the use of lands managed by the department for the purpose of providing a benefit to lands managed by the department,



4. Increased Funds for Crop Damage

Unless the legislature declares an emergency under this section, the department may pay no more than ~~thirty~~ three hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year from the general fund for claims and assessment costs for damage to commercial crops caused by wild deer or elk

Unpaid claims in excess of available funds in the current fiscal year will be eligible for payment in the next state fiscal year. If additional funds are not provided by the Legislature in the following fiscal year, then no further payment shall be made on the claim



Questions?

