

# 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 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.

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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;

(7) The following tribal fish and shellfish harvest information, shared with the department of fish and wildlife

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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....~~

... A project applicant must provide a copy of its application to the department of archaeology and historic preservation and to affected federally recognized tribes ~~no fewer than 60 days before the application may be filed with the department~~



# Expedited Permits cont.

...The department 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...

...the department shall provide notice to the local government within whose geographical jurisdiction the project will be located, to potentially affected federally recognized tribes, and to the members of the multiagency permitting team of receipt of a complete permit application...





# 3. Recreational land management

Express authority to manage conservation and recreation areas, water access sites and trails in conjunction with any public agency, nonprofit organization, volunteer, or volunteer organization

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



## 4. Increased funds for crop damage

Increase the general funds available for deer or elk commercial crop damage to \$300,000 (current amount is \$30,000).

Allow DFW to agree to single claims of up to \$30,000 (current limit is \$10,000)

Eliminate the ability to appeal for single claim payments greater than \$30,000

Unpaid claims will be held over for one year to allow the Legislature to act, if not funded in the next fiscal year, the claim expires (current claims do not expire).



# Questions?

