

# Legislative Update

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# 2025 Legislative Session

- Long session (105 days)
- Starting on Monday January 13
- Sine Die on Sunday April 27



Washington State Legislative Building. Photo by DES.

# Agency Request Legislation

1. Increase the renewal fee for personalized license plates
2. Increase efficacy of enforcement for fish and wildlife violations



Northern harrier and short-eared owl. Photo by Dante Aubert.



White-tailed deer. Photo by John Smith.

# Personalized License Plate Renewal Fee

- Personalized license plate fees are \$52 initial and \$42 renewal.
- WDFW is proposing a \$10 increase for the renewal from \$42 to \$52.
- Projected revenue = \$838,000 per fiscal year beginning in FY26.



**Personalized License Plate**



**Special Background Plate**



**Special Background Plate +  
Personalized License Plate**

# Enforcement violation options

## Background

- During the 2020 session, significant additions to civil infraction authority were created.
- The changes were related to recreational fishing and small game along with agency permits.
- These changes have been very successful, and WDFW is now requesting similar changes for big game violations and low-level commercial guide and charter violations.

# Enforcement violation options

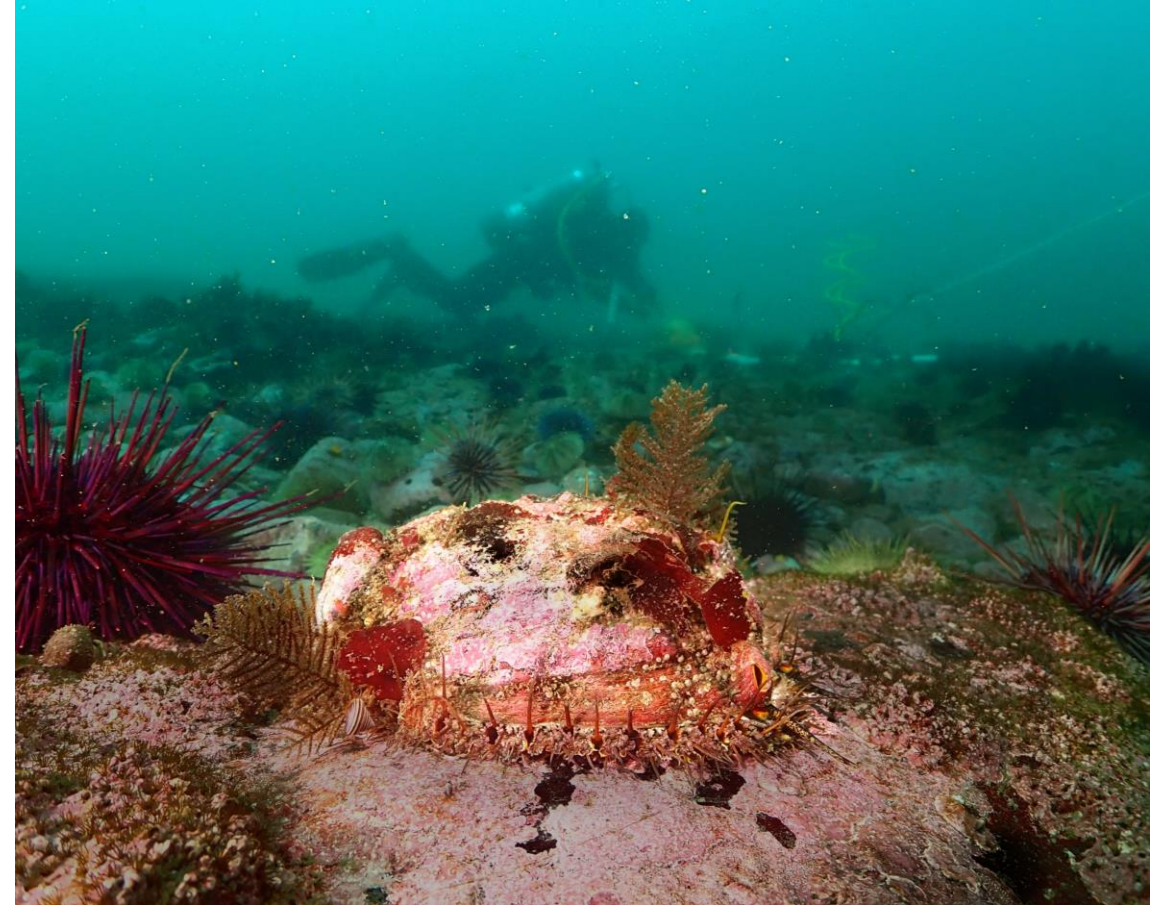
Increased infraction authority has relieved prosecutors from addressing low-level criminal conduct and allowed for meaningful deterrence options for minor violations.

The proposal includes infraction authority for

- Certain big game violations
- Certain firearm violations
- Certain hydraulic violations
- Low-level fishing guide and charter violations

# Other bills

- Kelp forest state symbol
- Habitat Recovery Pilot Program (HRPP)
- Wildlife connectivity
- Puget Sound nonspot shrimp pot license
- Wolf management



Pinto abalone and diver. Photo by WDFW.



# Questions?

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