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3 By Committee on Natural Resources

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.01 RCW  
8 to be codified between RCW 79.01.295 and 79.01.296 to read as follows:

9 (1) It is the purpose of chapter . . . , Laws of 1996 (this act)  
10 that all state agricultural lands, grazing lands, and grazeable  
11 woodlands shall be managed in keeping with the statutory and  
12 constitutional mandates under which each agency operates. Chapter  
13 . . . , Laws of 1996 (this act) is consistent with section 1, chapter 4,  
14 Laws of 1993 sp. sess.

15 (2) The ecosystem standards developed under chapter 4, Laws of 1993  
16 sp. sess. ecosystem standards for state-owned agricultural and grazing  
17 lands are defined as desired ecological conditions. The standards are  
18 not intended to prescribe practices. For this reason, land managers  
19 are encouraged to use an adaptive management approach in selecting and  
20 implementing practices that work towards meeting the standards based on  
21 the best available science and evaluation tools.

22 (3) For as long as the chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess. ecosystem  
23 standards remain in effect, they shall be applied through a  
24 collaborative process that incorporates the following principles:

25 (a) The land manager and lessee or permittee shall look at the land  
26 together and make every effort to reach agreement on management and  
27 resource objectives for the land under consideration;

28 (b) They will then discuss management options and make every effort  
29 to reach agreement on which of the available options will be used to  
30 achieve the agreed-upon objectives;

31 (c) No land manager or owner ever gives up his or her management  
32 prerogative;

33 (d) Efforts will be made to make land management plans economically  
34 feasible for landowners, managers, and lessees and to make the land  
35 management plan compatible with the lessee's entire operation;

1 (e) Coordinated resource management planning is encouraged where  
2 either multiple ownerships, or management practices, or both, are  
3 involved;

4 (f) The department of fish and wildlife shall consider multiple  
5 use, including grazing, on lands owned or managed by the department of  
6 fish and wildlife where it is compatible with the management objectives  
7 of the land; and

8 (g) The department of natural resources shall allow multiple use on  
9 lands owned or managed by the department of natural resources where  
10 multiple use can be demonstrated to be compatible with RCW 79.68.010,  
11 79.68.020, and 79.68.050.

12 (4) The ecosystem standards are to be achieved by applying  
13 appropriate land management practices on riparian lands and on the  
14 uplands in order to reach the desired ecological conditions.

15 (5) The legislature urges that state agencies that manage grazing  
16 lands make planning and implementation of this act, using the  
17 coordinated resource management and planning process, a high priority,  
18 especially where either multiple ownerships, or multiple use resources  
19 objectives, or both, are involved. In all cases, the choice of using  
20 the coordinated resource management planning process will be a  
21 voluntary decision by all concerned parties including agencies, private  
22 landowners, lessees, permittees, and other interests.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess.  
24 (uncodified) is added to chapter 79.01 RCW to be codified between RCW  
25 79.01.295 and 79.01.296."

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29 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "lands;" strike the remainder  
30 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 79.01 RCW; and  
31 adding section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess. (uncodified) to  
32 chapter 79.01 RCW."

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