
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1896

State of Washington

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2005 Regular Session

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Eickmeyer, Chase and Haigh)

READ FIRST TIME 03/07/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to geoduck harvest in Hood Canal; adding new
2 sections to chapter 79.96 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.96 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department shall conduct a study to determine if changes to the
8 geoduck populations in Hood Canal have occurred over time. The
9 department's study shall compare prior population surveys with current
10 surveys conducted as part of this study. The study shall incorporate
11 geoduck beds representative of the northern, central, and southern
12 areas of Hood Canal. No later than January 1, 2006, the department
13 shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate
14 committees of the legislature.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79.96 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The department shall conduct a study to assess the relationship
18 between the Hood Canal's geoduck population levels and environmental

1 conditions, including dissolved oxygen concentrations. To conduct this
2 study, the department shall establish geoduck index stations near the
3 department of ecology's Hood Canal water sampling stations. The index
4 stations shall include stations representative of the northern,
5 central, and southern areas of Hood Canal. No later than December 1,
6 2007, the department shall submit a report describing the study results
7 to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 79.96 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The department shall conduct a study to establish an age profile
11 and analyze the shell oxidation rate of Hood Canal geoduck. To conduct
12 this study, the department shall establish sampling stations
13 representative of the northern, central, and southern areas of Hood
14 Canal. No later than December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a
15 report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of
16 the legislature.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire July
18 1, 2008.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
20 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
21 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
22 void.

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