
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5567

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, Poulsen and Stevens)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the salmon and watershed planning
2 integration work group; 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.** (1) The salmon and watershed planning
6 integration work group is established. The work group consists of:
7 (a) One member of each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,
8 appointed by the president of the senate; (b) one member of each of the
9 two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the
10 speaker of the house of representatives; (c) two elected officials from
11 watershed planning groups, one appointed by the president of the senate
12 and one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
13 (d) two elected officials from salmon recovery entities, one appointed
14 by the president of the senate and one appointed by the speaker of the
15 house of representatives.

16 (2) The work group shall:

17 (a) Review the current status of salmon recovery and watershed
18 entities, plans, and projects, including but not limited to plans and
19 projects developed under chapters 77.85 and 90.82 RCW;

1 (b) Review the organizational structure and governance of entities
2 preparing or implementing salmon recovery or watershed plans or
3 projects;

4 (c) Make recommendations, if any, regarding salmon recovery and
5 watershed entities, plans, and projects in order to integrate such
6 plans and projects or to otherwise improve planning and project
7 administration;

8 (d) Make recommendations, if any, for state incentives to achieve
9 greater integration of salmon recovery and watershed entities, plans,
10 and projects.

11 (3) The work group may:

12 (a) Review the current sources and uses of funding for
13 administration, operations, planning, and project implementation;

14 (b) Work with the Puget Sound partnership if reviewing the Puget
15 Sound watersheds and jointly develop recommendations specific to Puget
16 Sound, to coincide with timelines and requirements for the Puget Sound
17 partnership, created by chapter . . . , (Senate Bill No. 5372), Laws of
18 2007;

19 (c) If appropriate, recommend changes to the current organizational
20 structures, to improve administration of these entities and to foster
21 integration of plans and projects into a comprehensive approach to
22 watershed health and salmon recovery at the watershed level; or

23 (d) Recommend actions to improve the utilization and the allocation
24 of mitigation funding on a watershed basis, consistent with the state's
25 policies and programs for optimizing mitigation projects.

26 (4) The work group shall report its recommendations, if any, in the
27 form of draft legislation to the appropriate committees of the
28 legislature by November 1, 2008.

29 (5)(a) Senate committee services and the office of program research
30 must provide staff to the work group.

31 (b) Legislative members of the work group will be reimbursed for
32 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

33 (6) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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