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By Senators Holmquist and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the governance structure of the department of  
2 fish and wildlife; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint legislative audit and review  
5 committee shall study and review the governance structure of the  
6 department of fish and wildlife. The joint legislative audit and  
7 review committee shall review and report to the legislature on whether  
8 providing appointment authority of both the fish and wildlife  
9 commission, under RCW 77.04.030, and the director of the department of  
10 fish and wildlife, under RCW 77.04.055, to the commissioner of public  
11 lands would provide for a more unified public land management approach  
12 and more effective use of public resources. This review must include  
13 examination and recommendations regarding the fish and wildlife  
14 commission's role as an advisory body to the commissioner of public  
15 lands, rather than a regulatory body as the fish and wildlife  
16 commission currently is comprised. The joint legislative audit and  
17 review committee shall also review and report on the issues surrounding  
18 consolidating the department of fish and wildlife into the department  
19 of natural resources and solutions to make the consolidation as

1 seamless and effective as possible. The joint legislative audit and  
2 review committee shall provide a final report on this review to the  
3 legislature by December 1, 2009.

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