
SENATE BILL 6136

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state wildlife account; amending RCW
2 77.32.350, 77.32.370, 77.32.380, 77.32.430, 77.32.450, 77.32.460,
3 77.32.470, and 77.65.480; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW;
4 and adding a new section to chapter 77.55 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) It is the policy of the state that the state wildlife account
9 be self-supporting and that the license and permit fee revenues to the
10 state wildlife account must be sufficient to fund the cost of the
11 department's programs that support those activities.

12 (2) For each statutory license or permit fee that references this
13 section, the commission shall periodically adjust the fee to ensure
14 that state wildlife account revenues are sufficient to fund these
15 activities. No fee may be increased by more than ten percent in any
16 calendar year without prior legislative approval.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.55 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 By July 1, 2009, the department shall develop and implement a fee
2 schedule for hydraulic project permits issued by the department under
3 this chapter. The fees must be set at a level that is sufficient to
4 fund the cost of the hydraulic project permitting program, including
5 the department's costs incurred in monitoring and inspecting permitted
6 projects. The fees received by the department must be deposited into
7 the state wildlife account and may be expended exclusively for the
8 purposes of the hydraulic project permitting program.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.350 and 2002 c 283 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 In addition to a small game hunting license, a supplemental permit
12 or stamp is required to hunt for western Washington pheasant or
13 migratory birds.

14 (1) A western Washington pheasant permit is required to hunt for
15 pheasant in western Washington. Western Washington pheasant permits
16 must contain numbered spaces for recording the location and date of
17 harvest of each western Washington pheasant.

18 (2) The permit shall be available as a season option, a youth full
19 season option, or a three-day option. The fee for this permit is:

20 (a) For the resident and nonresident full season option, thirty-six
21 dollars;

22 (b) For the youth full season option, eighteen dollars;

23 (c) For the three-day option, twenty dollars.

24 (3) A migratory bird validation is required for all persons sixteen
25 years of age or older to hunt migratory birds. The fee for the
26 validation for hunters is ten dollars for residents and nonresidents.
27 The fee for the stamp for collectors is ten dollars.

28 (4) The migratory bird license must be validated at the time of
29 signature of the licensee.

30 (5) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
31 the commission under section 1 of this act.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.370 and 1998 c 191 s 26 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) A special hunting season permit is required to hunt in each
35 special season established under chapter 77.12 RCW.

1 (2) Persons may apply for special hunting season permits as
2 provided by rule of the commission.

3 (3) The application fee to enter the drawing for a special hunting
4 permit is five dollars for residents, fifty dollars for nonresidents,
5 and three dollars for youth.

6 (4) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
7 the commission under section 1 of this act.

8 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.380 and 2003 c 317 s 4 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Persons who enter upon or use clearly identified department
11 improved access facilities with a motor vehicle may be required to
12 display a current annual fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit on
13 the motor vehicle while within or while using an improved access
14 facility. An "improved access facility" is a clearly identified area
15 specifically created for motor vehicle parking, and includes any boat
16 launch or boat ramp associated with the parking area, but does not
17 include the department parking facilities at the Gorge Concert Center
18 near George, Washington. One vehicle use permit shall be issued at no
19 charge with an initial purchase of either an annual saltwater,
20 freshwater, combination, small game hunting, big game hunting, or
21 trapping license, or a watchable wildlife decal, issued by the
22 department. The annual fee for a fish and wildlife lands vehicle use
23 permit, if purchased separately, is ten dollars. A person to whom the
24 department has issued a vehicle use permit or who has purchased a
25 vehicle use permit separately may purchase additional vehicle use
26 permits from the department at a cost of five dollars per vehicle use
27 permit. Revenue derived from the sale of fish and wildlife lands
28 vehicle use permits shall be used solely for the stewardship and
29 maintenance of department improved access facilities.

30 Youth groups may use department improved access facilities without
31 possessing a vehicle use permit when accompanied by a vehicle use
32 permit holder.

33 (2) The vehicle use permit must be displayed from the interior of
34 the motor vehicle so that it is clearly visible from outside of the
35 motor vehicle before entering upon or using the motor vehicle on a
36 department improved access facility. The vehicle use permit can be

1 transferred between two vehicles and must contain space for the vehicle
2 license numbers of each vehicle.

3 (3) Failure to display the fish and wildlife lands vehicle use
4 permit if required by this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84
5 RCW, and department employees are authorized to issue a notice of
6 infraction to the registered owner of any motor vehicle entering upon
7 or using a department improved access facility without such a vehicle
8 use permit. The penalty for failure to clearly display the vehicle use
9 permit is sixty-six dollars. This penalty is reduced to thirty dollars
10 if the registered owner provides proof to the court that he or she
11 purchased a vehicle use permit within fifteen days after the issuance
12 of the notice of violation.

13 (4) The fees and penalties specified in this section are subject to
14 adjustment by the commission under section 1 of this act.

15 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.430 and 2005 c 192 s 2 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) Catch record card information is necessary for proper
18 management of the state's food fish and game fish species and shellfish
19 resources. Catch record card administration shall be under rules
20 adopted by the commission. There is no charge for an initial catch
21 record card. Each subsequent or duplicate catch record card costs ten
22 dollars.

23 (2) A license to take and possess Dungeness crab is only valid in
24 Puget Sound waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line if the fisher has
25 in possession a valid catch record card officially endorsed for
26 Dungeness crab. The endorsement shall cost no more than three dollars,
27 including any or all fees authorized under RCW 77.32.050, when
28 purchased for a personal use saltwater, combination, or shellfish and
29 seaweed license. The endorsement shall cost no more than one dollar,
30 including any or all fees authorized under RCW 77.32.050, when
31 purchased for a temporary combination fishing license authorized under
32 RCW 77.32.470(3)(a).

33 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term
34 charter stamp licenses are not subject to the ten-dollar charge nor to
35 the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for in this section.
36 Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary short-term charter

1 stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch record card issued
2 before fishing commences. Catch record cards issued with a temporary
3 short-term charter stamp are valid for one day.

4 (4) The department shall include provisions for recording marked
5 and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31, 2004.

6 (5) The funds received from the sale of catch record cards and the
7 Dungeness crab endorsement must be deposited into the wildlife (~~fund~~)
8 account. The funds received from the Dungeness crab endorsement may be
9 used only for the sampling, monitoring, and management of catch
10 associated with the Dungeness crab recreational fisheries. Moneys
11 allocated under this section shall supplement and not supplant other
12 federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness crab recreational
13 fisheries management.

14 (6) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
15 the commission under section 1 of this act.

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2005 c 140 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.
19 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,
20 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a
21 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license
22 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that package.
23 A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big game
24 species except as authorized by rule of the commission. The fees for
25 annual big game combination packages are as follows:

26 (a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for
27 this license is sixty-six dollars for residents, six hundred sixty
28 dollars for nonresidents, and thirty-three dollars for youth.

29 (b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is
30 fifty-six dollars for residents, five hundred sixty dollars for
31 nonresidents, and twenty-eight dollars for youth.

32 (c) Big game number 3: Deer or elk, bear, and cougar. At the time
33 of purchase, the holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for
34 this license is forty-six dollars for residents, four hundred sixty
35 dollars for nonresidents, and twenty-three dollars for youth.

36 (d) Big game number 4: Deer or elk. At the time of purchase, the

1 holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for this license is
2 thirty-six dollars for residents, three hundred sixty dollars for
3 nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.

4 (e) Big game number 5: Bear and cougar. The fee for this license
5 is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents,
6 and ten dollars for youth.

7 (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big
8 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:

9 (a) Elk: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred
10 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

11 (b) Deer: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred
12 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

13 (c) Bear: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred
14 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

15 (d) Cougar: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred
16 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

17 (3) In the event that the commission authorizes a special permit
18 hunt for goat, sheep, or moose, the permit fees are as follows:

19 (a) Mountain goat: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents,
20 one thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

21 (b) Sheep: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one
22 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

23 (c) Moose: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one
24 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

25 (4) Multiple season big game permit: The commission may, by rule,
26 offer permits for hunters to hunt deer or elk during more than one
27 general season. Only one deer or elk may be harvested annually under
28 a multiple season big game permit. The fee is one hundred fifty
29 dollars for residents and one thousand five hundred dollars for
30 nonresidents.

31 (5) Authorization to hunt the species set out under subsection
32 (3)(a) through (c) of this section or in multiple seasons as set out in
33 subsection (4) of this section is by special permit issued under RCW
34 77.32.370.

35 (6) The commission may adopt rules to reduce the price of a license
36 or eliminate the transportation tag requirements concerning bear or
37 cougar when necessary to meet harvest objectives.

1 (7) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
2 the commission under section 1 of this act.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.460 and 2006 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A small game hunting license is required to hunt for all
6 classified wild animals and wild birds, except big game. A small game
7 license also allows the holder to hunt for unclassified wildlife.

8 (a) The fee for this license is thirty dollars for residents, one
9 hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents, and fifteen dollars for youth.

10 (b) The fee for this license if purchased in conjunction with a big
11 game combination license package is sixteen dollars for residents,
12 eighty dollars for nonresidents, and eight dollars for youth.

13 (c) The fee for a three-consecutive-day small game license is fifty
14 dollars for nonresidents.

15 (2) In addition to a small game license, a turkey tag is required
16 to hunt for turkey.

17 (a) The fee for a primary turkey tag is fourteen dollars for
18 residents and forty dollars for nonresidents. A primary turkey tag
19 will, on request, be issued to the purchaser of a youth small game
20 license at no charge.

21 (b) The fee for each additional turkey tag is fourteen dollars for
22 residents, sixty dollars for nonresidents, and nine dollars for youth.

23 (c) All moneys received from turkey tags must be deposited in the
24 state wildlife account. One-third of the moneys received from turkey
25 tags must be appropriated solely for the purposes of turkey management.
26 An additional one-third of the moneys received from turkey tags must be
27 appropriated solely for upland game bird management. Moneys received
28 from turkey tags may not supplant existing funds provided for these
29 purposes.

30 (3) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
31 the commission under section 1 of this act.

32 **Sec. 9.** RCW 77.32.470 and 2005 c 192 s 1 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, temporary,
35 or family fishing weekend license is required for all persons fifteen

1 years of age or older to fish for or possess fish taken for personal
2 use from state waters or offshore waters.

3 (2) The fees for annual personal use saltwater, freshwater, or
4 combination licenses are as follows:

5 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or possess
6 fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore waters. The
7 fee for this license is thirty-six dollars for residents, seventy-two
8 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

9 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess
10 fish taken from saltwater areas. The fee for this license is eighteen
11 dollars for residents, thirty-six dollars for nonresidents, and five
12 dollars for resident seniors.

13 (c) A freshwater license allows the holder to fish for, take, or
14 possess food fish or game fish species in all freshwater areas. The
15 fee for this license is twenty dollars for residents, forty dollars for
16 nonresidents, and five dollars for resident seniors.

17 (3)(a) A temporary combination fishing license is valid for one to
18 five consecutive days and allows the holder to fish for or possess
19 fish, shellfish, and seaweed taken from state waters or offshore
20 waters. The fee for this temporary fishing license is:

21 (i) One day - Seven dollars for residents and fourteen dollars for
22 nonresidents;

23 (ii) Two days - Ten dollars for residents and twenty dollars for
24 nonresidents;

25 (iii) Three days - Thirteen dollars for residents and twenty-six
26 dollars for nonresidents;

27 (iv) Four days - Fifteen dollars for residents and thirty dollars
28 for nonresidents; and

29 (v) Five days - Seventeen dollars for residents and thirty-four
30 dollars for nonresidents.

31 (b) The fee for a charter stamp is seven dollars for a one-day
32 temporary combination fishing license for residents and nonresidents
33 for use on a charter boat as defined in RCW 77.65.150.

34 (c) A transaction fee to support the automated licensing system
35 will be taken from the amounts set forth in this subsection for
36 temporary licenses.

37 (d) Except for active duty military personnel serving in any branch

1 of the United States armed forces, the temporary combination fishing
2 license is not valid on game fish species for an eight-consecutive-day
3 period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake fishing season.

4 (4) A family fishing weekend license allows for a maximum of six
5 anglers: One resident and five youth; two residents and four youth; or
6 one resident, one nonresident, and four youth. This license allows the
7 holders to fish for or possess fish taken from state waters or offshore
8 waters. The fee for this license is twenty dollars. This license is
9 only valid during periods as specified by rule of the department.

10 (5) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell combination
11 licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or below a fee equal
12 to the total cost of the individual license contained within any
13 combination.

14 (6) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
15 the commission under section 1 of this act.

16 **Sec. 10.** RCW 77.65.480 and 1991 sp.s. c 7 s 4 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy for
19 profit. The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars.

20 (2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase, receive,
21 or resell raw furs for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred
22 eighty dollars.

23 (3) A fishing guide license allows the holder to offer or perform
24 the services of a professional guide in the taking of game fish. The
25 fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars for a resident and
26 six hundred dollars for a nonresident.

27 (4) A game farm license allows the holder to operate a game farm to
28 acquire, breed, grow, keep, and sell wildlife under conditions
29 prescribed by the rules adopted pursuant to this title. The fee for
30 this license is seventy-two dollars for the first year and forty-eight
31 dollars for each following year.

32 (5) A game fish stocking permit allows the holder to release game
33 fish into the waters of the state as prescribed by rule of the
34 commission. The fee for this permit is twenty-four dollars.

35 (6) A fishing or field trial permit allows the holder to promote,
36 conduct, hold, or sponsor a fishing or field trial contest in

1 accordance with rules of the commission. The fee for a fishing contest
2 permit is twenty-four dollars. The fee for a field trial contest
3 permit is twenty-four dollars.

4 (7) An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder to
5 purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish
6 harvested by Indian fishermen lawfully exercising fishing rights
7 reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under
8 conditions prescribed by rule of the director. The fee for this
9 license is one hundred eighty dollars.

10 (8) The fees specified in this section are subject to adjustment by
11 the commission under section 1 of this act.

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