

2023 Possible Agency Legislative Requests

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1. Streamlining routine maintenance at hatchery facilities.
2. Requiring recreational licenses for several unregulated species.
3. Authority for Chronic Wasting Disease, and other disease, sampling.
4. Capitalizing an account to address shoreline hard armoring.



1. Hatchery Maintenance

A new section is added to [RCW 90.58.356](#) or (.355):

The following department of fish and wildlife maintenance activities, necessary to maintain the operation of state managed fish hatcheries, including water intakes and discharges, fish ladders, water and power conveyances, weirs, and racks and traps used for fish collection.

- (i) Maintenance, repair, or replacement of equipment and components that support the larger hatchery facility and occur within the existing footprint of fish hatchery facilities;
- (ii) Construction or installation of safety structures and equipment;
- (iii) Maintenance occurring within existing water intake and outflow sites; or
- (iv) Construction undertaken in response to unforeseen, extraordinary circumstances that are necessary to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation of operation of a state fish hatchery facility.

The department of fish and wildlife must ensure compliance with the substantive requirements of this chapter for projects under this section. Projects undertaken under this section must not adversely affect public access or shoreline ecological functions.

The department of fish and wildlife must provide written notification of **projects** authorized under this section **before** repair and maintenance occur to the local government with jurisdiction, and to the department of ecology.



2. Smelt, carp, and crawfish licensing – goal of education and voluntary compliance with resource protection restrictions.

RCW 77.32.010

Recreational license required—Activities—Pass or permit for parking.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or department rule, a recreational license issued by the director is required to hunt, fish, or take wildlife or seaweed. ~~A recreational fishing or shellfish license is not required for carp, freshwater smelt, and crawfish, and a hunting license is not required for bullfrogs....~~



3. Using checkpoints to monitor chronic wasting disease.

77.40.100 – Purpose

Wildlife are property of the state and are a valuable resource. There are infectious diseases and infestations that can damage, threaten, and endanger Wildlife resources. The department is authorized to take reasonable, preventative measures to protect Washington's Wildlife species from infectious diseases and infestations.

77.40.200 - **Disease check stations** – Disease interdiction and control

- 1) The department is authorized to establish disease interdiction and control check stations.
- 2) The check stations may be signed from roadsides, including state highways and interstates.
- 3) Signage shall indicate which diseases or infestations are being investigated, and what wildlife is being checked.
- 4) The signage will be placed in coordination with the department of transportation.
- 5) The check stations shall be operated by a uniformed fish and wildlife employee and operated in a safe manner.
- 6) A person who encounters a Disease interdiction and control check station while transporting wildlife in their possession, is requested to stop at the check station and allow wildlife in their possession to be inspected and sampled for the diseases or infestations.



4. Capitalizing a Shoreline Restoration Revolving Fund

This proposal capitalizes an existing account with \$4.5 million (one time) from which loans could be issued to residential property owners for the purposes of incentivizing hard armor removal, shoreline restoration, and/or erosion remediation.

Loans from the account would be repaid over time and replenish the account.

The program should allow for future expansion of the loan program to other habitat restoration priorities on private residential property.

In implementing the program, the agency will consider creating the program within the agency or using existing authorities and loan experience of the Department of Ecology



Questions?



Motion and vote

Can be moved separately or four together:

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