

# Legislative Report

January 26, 2023

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## Agency Request Legislation

[HB 1225](#)

**Concerning the permitting for certain department of fish and wildlife hatchery maintenance activities.**

Prime sponsor Representative Chapman

Referred to house Environment & Energy Committee.

Proposes a similar exception from the Shoreline Management Act permitting for maintenance and repair as the Department of Transportation for hatchery maintenance activities.

[Factsheet](#)

[HB 1226](#)

**Providing for recreational licensing of smelt, crawfish, and carp.**

Prime sponsor Representative Chapman

Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Removes the current exemption from a fishing license for freshwater smelt, carp, and crawfish, to allow for regulation and monitoring of those species.

[Factsheet](#)

[Public hearing](#) held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Executive session scheduled on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

[SB 5306](#)

**Authorizing the department of fish and wildlife to establish disease interdiction and control check stations.**

Prime sponsor Senator Short

Referred to Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks Committee.

Grants the Department the authority to post signage for disease checkpoints and request voluntary compliance.

[Factsheet](#)

Public hearing scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Other Bills of Interest

[HB 1145 / SB 5371](#)

**Protecting southern resident orcas from vessels.**  
Prime sponsors Representative Berry and Senator Lovelett

Modifies the regulations regarding vessels for the protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales by increasing the buffer distance around SRKW from 300 yards on the sides and 400 yards front and back to 1,000 yards for all non-exempt vessels.

Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee and Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks Committee.

[HB 1235](#)

**Modifying miscellaneous provisions impacting department of fish and wildlife licensing requirements.**

Prime sponsor Representative Chapman

Makes licensure changes to enhance outdoor recreation. Agency request legislation from 2022 session.

[Factsheet](#)

Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

[Public hearing](#) held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Executive session scheduled on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

[HB 1010](#)

**Concerning the sanitary control of shellfish.**

Prime sponsor Representative Chapman

Provides rulemaking authority to State Board of Health to address biotoxins in Dungeness crabs. Will allow for evisceration orders.

Bill introduced in 2021. Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Voted out of committee with a Do Pass recommendation on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

[SB 5297](#)

**Concerning nontribal commercial salmon fisheries in Washington waters of the Columbia river.**

Prime sponsor Senator Van De Wege

Eliminates nontribal gill nets after January 1, 2025. Governor's Request.

Referred to Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks Committee.



[SB 5314](#)

**Concerning electric-assisted bicycle use on certain trails and roads.**

Prime sponsor Representative J. Wilson

Allows e-bikes on all trails where bikes are allowed. Creates a new annual e-bike permit for \$5 through the Department of Licensing.

Referred to Senate Transportation Committee.

Public hearing scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[SB 5471](#)

**Addressing the use of electric-assisted bicycles on certain trails and roads by persons with disabilities.**

Prime sponsor Senator Cleveland

Allows persons who possess a parking placard for disabilities to use class 1 and 2 e-bikes on all nonmotorized natural surface trails where bikes are allowed.

Referred to Senate Transportation Committee.

Public hearing scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[HB 1215 / SB 5266](#)

**Concerning the protection and restoration of riparian areas.**

Prime sponsors Representative Lekanoff and Senator Shewmake

Creates a riparian restoration program and provides funding through the Washington State Conservation Commission and requires coordination with other natural resource agencies, tribes, and conservation districts in the development of the program, prioritization, and implementation. Governor's Request.

Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources and Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks Committees.

A [public hearing](#) for HB 1215 was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

[SB 5390](#)

**Establishing a programmatic safe harbor agreement on forestlands.**

Prime sponsor Senator Shewmake

Grants authority for Department of Natural Resources to enter and administer a programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) for the Northern Spotted Owl with the federal government. Reintroduction of [SB 5411](#) from 2021.

Referred to Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, & Parks Committee.

Public hearing scheduled on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

