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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing the use of two fishing poles per  
2 fishing license holder; and amending RCW 77.32.470.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.470 and 2008 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, temporary,  
7 or family fishing weekend license is required for all persons fifteen  
8 years of age or older to fish for or possess fish taken for personal  
9 use from state waters or offshore waters.

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

12 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or possess  
13 fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore waters. The  
14 fee for this license is thirty-six dollars for residents, seventy-two  
15 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth. There is an  
16 additional fifty-cent surcharge for this license, to be deposited in  
17 the rockfish research account created in RCW 77.12.702.

18 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess  
19 fish taken from saltwater areas. The fee for this license is eighteen

1 dollars for residents, thirty-six dollars for nonresidents, and five  
2 dollars for resident seniors. There is an additional fifty-cent  
3 surcharge for this license, to be deposited in the rockfish research  
4 account created in RCW 77.12.702.

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

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

13 (i) One day - Seven dollars for residents and fourteen dollars for  
14 nonresidents;

15 (ii) Two days - Ten dollars for residents and twenty dollars for  
16 nonresidents;

17 (iii) Three days - Thirteen dollars for residents and twenty-six  
18 dollars for nonresidents;

19 (iv) Four days - Fifteen dollars for residents and thirty dollars  
20 for nonresidents; and

21 (v) Five days - Seventeen dollars for residents and thirty-four  
22 dollars for nonresidents.

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

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

29 (d) Except for active duty military personnel serving in any branch  
30 of the United States armed forces, the temporary combination fishing  
31 license is not valid on game fish species for an eight-consecutive-day  
32 period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake fishing season.

33 (e) The temporary combination fishing license fee for active duty  
34 military personnel serving in any branch of the United States armed  
35 forces is the resident rate as set forth in (a) of this subsection.  
36 Active duty military personnel must provide a valid military  
37 identification card at the time of purchase of the temporary license to  
38 qualify for the resident rate.

1 (f) There is an additional fifty-cent surcharge on the temporary  
2 combination fishing license and the associated charter stamp, to be  
3 deposited in the rockfish research account created in RCW 77.12.702.

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 commission may adopt rules to allow the use of two fishing  
15 poles per fishing license holder for use on selected state waters. If  
16 authorized by the commission, license holders must purchase a two-pole  
17 stamp to use a second pole. The proceeds from the sale of the two-pole  
18 stamp will be deposited into the state wildlife account and used for  
19 enhancing game fish fisheries. The fee for a two-pole stamp is ten  
20 dollars.

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