
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5826

State of Washington

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By Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Padden and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to warm water game fish management; and amending
2 RCW 77.12.085.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.085 and 2019 c 290 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The commission shall adopt rules to liberalize bag limits for
7 bass, walleye, and channel catfish in all anadromous waters of the
8 state in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts.

9 (2) The commission must adopt rules limiting bag limits for warm
10 water game fish according to scientific studies that are in the best
11 interest of the warm water species in nonanadromous waters currently
12 supporting fishable quantities of said species with the intent to
13 maintain healthy and vibrant long-term fisheries. Limits proposed in
14 excess of five fish per day must be accompanied by the results of an
15 appropriate scientific study supporting the need for the higher
16 limits and must be monitored until the need is no longer necessary.

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