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Fishing, Hunting & Natural Resources Forum 2007 Legislative Bill Report # 1

As of Friday last week we're five days into legislative session 2007 and 441 bills, memorials and resolutions, an average of 88.2 a day, have already been introduced with 43 of these measures of interest to one or more of the constituencies receiving this report. There has been little committee activity with most of the committees conducting work sessions versus holding hearings on pending legislation. The hearing schedule will pick up activity considerably starting next week.

Those new to the list will observe that this report tracks a variety of categories. That condition exists because of the many broad interests of sport and commercial fishers, traditional wildlife conservation groups and the hunting communities that are participants in the two coalitions sponsoring this report. To view detail for bills listed go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> and enter the bill number into the on-site search engine.

Readers are reminded that they need the Acrobat Reader software program to view this report. A free copy of the most current version of the program can be obtained at <http://www.adobe.com>. Bills listed in this report may change at any time as legislation is modified, etc. Legislation of interest to this tracking report introduced in the first week of session 2007 is as follows:

Animal Rights Issues

SB 5066 - Concerning animal protection orders

Firearms

HB 1011 - Revising provisions relating to alien firearm licenses
HB 1014 - Encouraging safe storage of firearms
HB 1026 - Regulating the sale of firearms at gun shows and events
HB 1126 - Changing late renewal penalty provisions for concealed pistol licenses
SB 5197 - Regulating the sale of firearms at gun shows and events

Initiatives & Referendums

HB 1087 - Prohibiting the payment of signature gatherers on a per-signature basis
SB 5181 - Requiring signature gatherers to wear identification
SB 5182 - Requiring signature gatherers to sign initiative and referendum petitions

Public Tax Policy

HB 1002 - Modifying the sales and use taxation of vessels
SB 5007 - Modifying the sales and use taxation of vessels
SB 5132 - Redirecting certain moneys for the benefit of department of fish and wildlife programs
SJR 8204 - Dedicating a portion of the state property tax levy to state parks

Environmental Policy

HB 1024 - Phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers
HB 1083 - Pilot project to examine impacts of small scale mineral prospecting on coastal areas

SB 5034 - Phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers
SB 5064 - Designating the Garry Oak as the state oak tree
SB 5179 - Regarding the operation of snowmobiles
SB 5213 - Promoting coordinated ocean management policies

Fish & Wildlife Commission

HB 1193 - Directing the governor to appoint the director of the department of fish and wildlife
SB 5117 - Changing the makeup of the fish and wildlife commission

Fisheries & Wildlife Management

HB 1069 - Designating the Pacific chorus frog as the state amphibian
HB 1075 - Authorizing WDFW employees to partake in certain inspections and samplings
HB 1076 - Creating a rockfish research program
HB 1077 - Modifying requirements concerning public disclosure of sensitive fish and wildlife data
HB 1082 - Requiring that certain shellfish and seaweed harvest license be available for inspection
HB 1146 - Increasing the amount of money available to pay wildlife damage claims
HB 1147 - Concerning damage to livestock
SB 5015 - Designating the state ornithologist
SB 5124 - Abolishing the Washington wildlife rescue coalition
SB 5126 - Modifying requirements concerning public disclosure of sensitive fish and wildlife data
SB 5127 - Creating a rockfish research program
SB 5128 - Clarifying record keeping requirements for fish or shellfish storage facilities
SB 5131 - Authorizing WDFW employees to partake in certain inspections and samplings
SB 5188 - Establishing a wildlife rehabilitation program
SB 5215 - Modifying provisions with regard to recreational activities on certain lands
SB 5220 - Supporting nature-based tourism

Hunting

HB 1078 - Creating the crime of unlawfully hunting upon the property of another
HB 1079 - Merging fishing and hunting license fees for veterans and persons with disabilities
SB 5125 - Merging fishing and hunting license fees for veterans and persons with disabilities
SB 5129 - Creating the crime of unlawfully hunting upon the property of another
SB 5130 - Expanding hunter access to certain private lands
SB 5185 - Allowing county legislative authority to authorize off-road vehicle hunting