

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1226**

Chapter 77, Laws of 2024

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

RECREATIONAL LICENSING—SMELT, CRAWFISH, AND CARP

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2024

Passed by the House March 4, 2024  
Yeas 56 Nays 41

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 23,  
2024  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 14, 2024 11:08 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1226** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

March 14, 2024

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Chapman and Fitzgibbon; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

Read first time 01/11/23.  
Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Referred to Committee on

1 AN ACT Relating to providing for recreational licensing of smelt,  
2 crawfish, and carp; amending RCW 77.32.010; and creating a new  
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that as  
6 Washington's growing population accesses limited natural resources,  
7 there is a need to increase compliance, and provide education, on  
8 appropriate gear, seasons, and species take limits.

9 (2) The legislature further finds that previously unregulated  
10 species are under increased recreational harvest. Recreational  
11 licensing is an appropriate mechanism to educate the public and  
12 preserve opportunity in the future.

13 (3) The legislature further finds that eulachon, also known as  
14 Pacific smelt and Columbia river smelt, are listed as a threatened  
15 species under the endangered species act and licensing requirements  
16 are needed to provide angler education and allow for better  
17 regulation and monitoring to prevent them from becoming endangered.

18 (4) The legislature also finds that licensing for carp will aid  
19 in enforcement of illegal fishing where people fishing for regulated  
20 species without a required license have claimed to be fishing for

1 carp, thereby negatively affecting the fisheries of other regulated  
2 species.

3 (5) The legislature further finds that licensing for crawfish  
4 will provide the public with education that enables them to  
5 distinguish between native and invasive crawfish species,  
6 facilitating the removal of invasive crawfish.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.010 and 2019 c 290 s 3 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

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

14 (2) A pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or  
15 79A.80.040 is required to park or operate a motor vehicle on a  
16 recreation site or lands, as defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

17 (3) The commission may, by rule, indicate that a fishing permit  
18 issued to a nontribal member by the Colville Tribes shall satisfy the  
19 license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on the waters  
20 of Lake Rufus Woods and on the north shore of Lake Rufus Woods, and  
21 that a Colville Tribes tribal member identification card shall  
22 satisfy the license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on  
23 all waters of Lake Rufus Woods.

24 (4) A recreational fishing license is not required to fish for  
25 carp in Moses Lake or Vancouver Lake.

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