
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5264

State of Washington

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By Senate Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Sheldon)

READ FIRST TIME 02/08/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to Mazama pocket gophers; creating a new section;
2 and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of fish and wildlife must
5 conduct a biological status update of the Mazama pocket gopher to
6 determine if protection or management of the species is still warranted
7 by the state.

8 (2) By December 1, 2012, and within existing resources, the
9 department of fish and wildlife shall issue a report of findings and
10 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
11 house of representatives and senate. The report must be based on the
12 best available science and include:

13 (a) Data on whether the population of Mazama pocket gophers are in
14 danger of failing, declining, or are vulnerable due to disease,
15 predation, exploitation, or habitat loss or change;

16 (b) An analysis of the historic, current, and future population
17 trends of the Mazama pocket gopher;

18 (c) Historic and current habitat trends of the Mazama pocket
19 gopher;

1 (d) Population demographics and their relationship to long-term
2 sustainability of the Mazama pocket gopher; and

3 (e) Historic and current species management activities of the
4 Mazama pocket gopher.

5 (3) By December 1, 2012, and within existing resources, the
6 department of fish and wildlife shall write a recovery plan for the
7 Mazama pocket gopher if protection or management of the species is
8 warranted.

9 (4) This section expires January 1, 2013.

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