

acre per year for such period of years as may be necessary to establish and thereafter reestablish a balance in said account of two million dollars; PROVIDED, That the department may establish a minimum assessment for ownership parcels containing less than thirty acres. The maximum assessment for these parcels shall not exceed the fees levied on a thirty acre parcel. There shall be no assessment on each parcel of privately owned lands of less than two acres or on each parcel of tax exempt lands of less than ten acres. The assessments with respect to forest lands in western and eastern Washington may differ to equitably distribute the assessment based on emergency fire suppression cost experience necessitated by participating landowner operations. Amounts assessed for this account shall be a lien upon the forest lands with respect to which the assessment is made, and may be collected as directed by the department in the same manner as forest ((patrol)) fire protection assessments. This account shall be held by the state treasurer who is authorized to invest so much of said account as is not necessary to meet current needs. Any interest earned on moneys from said account shall be deposited in and remain a part of the account, and shall be computed as part of the same in determining the balance thereof. Interfund loans to and from this account are authorized at the then current rate of interest as determined by the state treasurer, provided that the effect of the loan is considered for purposes of determining the assessments. Payment of emergency costs from this account shall in no way restrict the right of the department to recover costs pursuant to RCW 76.04.390 as now or hereafter amended, or other laws.

When the department determines that a forest fire was started in the course of or as a result of a participating landowner operation, it shall notify the forest fire advisory board of such determination. Such determination shall be final, unless, within ninety days of such notification, the forest fire advisory board or any interested party, serves a request for a hearing before the department. Such hearing shall constitute a contested case under chapter 34.04 RCW and any appeal therefrom shall be to the superior court of Thurston county.

Passed the House March 29, 1983.

Passed the Senate April 20, 1983.

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CHAPTER 300

[Engrossed House Bill No. 674]

STURGEON FISHING

AN ACT Relating to food fish; adding a new section to chapter 75.28 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. In an effort to enhance recreational opportunity and improve management of the resource, the director shall pursue the elimination of set line fishing for sturgeon through the Columbia river compact, RCW 75.40.010.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to a set line license, a Columbia river sturgeon endorsement is required to take sturgeon commercially with set lines in the waters of the Columbia river or its tributaries. The annual endorsement fee is two hundred dollars for residents and four hundred dollars for nonresidents.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1984.

Passed the House April 23, 1983.

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CHAPTER 301

[Engrossed House Bill No. 683]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE APPEALS—INTEREST

AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance appeals; and adding a new section to chapter 51.52 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 51.52 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) When a worker or beneficiary prevails in an appeal by the employer to the board or in an appeal by the employer to the court from the decision and order of the board, the worker or beneficiary shall be entitled to interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum on the unpaid amount of the award after deducting the amount of attorney fees.

(2) When a worker or beneficiary prevails in an appeal by the worker or beneficiary to the board or the court regarding a claim for temporary total disability, the worker or beneficiary shall be entitled to interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum on the unpaid amount of the award after deducting the amount of attorney fees.

(3) The interest provided for in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall accrue from the date of the department's order granting the award or