(d) Provide continuing management and technical assistance to local contractors; and

(e) Report by December 31 of each year to the senate economic development and labor committee and to the house of representatives trade and economic development committee describing the activities of the Washington marketplace program.

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CHAPTER 58
[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6310]
REGIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUPS

AN ACT Relating to providing financial assistance to regional fisheries enhancement groups; adding new sections to chapter 75.50 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that: (1) It is in the best interest of the state to encourage nonprofit regional fisheries enhancement groups authorized in RCW 75.50.070 to participate in enhancing the state's salmon population including, but not limited to, salmon research, increased natural and artificial production, and through habitat improvement; (2) such regional fisheries enhancement groups interested in improving salmon habitat and rearing salmon shall be eligible for financial assistance; (3) such regional fisheries enhancement groups should seek to maximize the efforts of volunteer personnel and private donations; (4) this program will assist the state in its goal to double the salmon catch by the year 2000; (5) this program will benefit both commercial and recreational fisheries and improve cooperative efforts to increase salmon production through a coordinated approach with similar programs in other states and Canada; and (6) the Grays Harbor fisheries enhancement task force's exemplary performance in salmon enhancement provides a model for establishing regional fisheries enhancement groups by rule adopted under RCW 75.50.070, 75.50.080, and sections 2 through 4 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW to read as follows:

Each regional fisheries enhancement group shall be incorporated pursuant to Title 24 RCW. Any interested person or group shall be permitted to join. It is desirable for the group to have representation from all categories of fishers and other parties that have interest in salmon within the region, as well as the general public.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW to read as follows:

The dedicated regional fisheries enhancement group account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

A surcharge of one dollar shall be collected on each recreational salmon license sold in the state. A surcharge of one hundred dollars shall be collected on each commercial salmon fishing license and each charter boat "salmon and other food fish" license sold in the state. The department shall study methods for collecting and making available, an annual list, including names and addresses, of all persons who obtain recreational and commercial salmon fishing licenses. This list may be used to assist formation of the regional fisheries enhancement groups and allow the broadest participation of license holders in enhancement efforts. The results of the study shall be reported to the house of representatives fisheries and wildlife committee and the senate environment and natural resources committee by October 1, 1990. All receipts shall be placed in the regional fisheries enhancement group account and shall be used exclusively for regional fisheries enhancement group projects for the purposes of section 4 of this act. Funds from the regional fisheries enhancement group account shall not serve as replacement funding for department operated salmon projects that exist on the effective date of this section.

All revenue from the department's sale of salmon carcasses and eggs that return to group facilities shall be deposited in the regional fisheries enhancement group account for use by the regional fisheries enhancement group that produced the surplus. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW to read as follows:

A regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board is established to make recommendations to the director. The advisory board shall make recommendations regarding regional enhancement group rearing project proposals and funding of those proposals. The members shall be appointed by the director and consist of two commercial fishing representatives, two recreational fishing representatives, and three at-large positions. The advisory board membership shall include two members serving ex officio to be nominated, one through the Northwest Indian fisheries commission, and one through the Columbia river intertribal fish commission.

The department may use account funds to provide agency assistance to the groups. The level of account funds used by the department shall be determined by the director after review and recommendation by the regional
fisheries enhancement group advisory board and shall not exceed twenty percent of annual contributions to the account.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The department and the regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board shall report biennially to the senate environment and natural resources committee, the house of representatives fisheries and wildlife committee, the senate ways and means committee and house of representatives fiscal committees, or any successor committees beginning October 1, 1991. The report shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) An evaluation of enhancement efforts;
(2) A description of projects;
(3) A region by region accounting of financial contributions and expenditures including the enhancement group account funds; and
(4) Volunteer participation and member affiliation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1991.

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