

SEC. 8. Sections 1 through 3, chapter 210, Laws of 1957 and RCW 43.19.126 through 43.19.128 and sections 15, 16 and 17, chapter 178, Laws of 1959 and RCW 43.19.1929 through 43.19.1933 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 185.

[S. B. 419.]

SHIP CANALS—PUGET SOUND, GRAYS HARBOR, HOOD CANAL.

AN ACT relating to ship canals; and creating a canal commission.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to have a study made of the economic desirability and engineering feasibility of the construction of water canals connecting Puget Sound with Grays Harbor and lower Puget Sound with Hood Canal.

SEC. 2. There is created a canal commission to carry out the purposes of this act. The commission shall consist of three senators, appointed by the president of the senate, three representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, five residents of the state appointed by the governor, and the director of conservation who shall be chairman of the commission.

The director of commerce and economic development shall be an ex officio member of the commission.

Any vacancies occurring on the canal commission shall be filled within seven days in the same manner as the vacated position.

The members of the canal commission shall serve without compensation.

Biennial
existence—
Meetings.

SEC. 3. The canal commission shall function during the 1961 biennium and shall have the powers and perform the duties as provided herein.

The commission shall meet at the times when and places where designated by the chairman.

Powers and
duties.

SEC. 4. The commission shall review the work and report of the 1933 canal commission on the feasibility of a canal system connecting Puget Sound with Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor and the Columbia River and in addition make a study of the feasibility of a canal connecting lower Puget Sound with Hood Canal.

In appraising the economic desirability and engineering feasibility of the canals the commission shall consider the commercial and industrial needs and possibilities of the areas involved, the impact of the great increase in pleasure boating and demands for recreational facilities, and the great advances made since the 1933 study in engineering skills and earth moving machinery.

Report to
governor.

The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor as soon as possible and at several intervals during the biennium, if necessary.

Governor to
seek federal
participation,
when.

SEC. 5. If the reports and recommendations of the commission indicate that the canals are not only desirable, but will be beneficial to the residents of the state and are economically feasible, the governor shall inform each United States senator and representative of the state of Washington of the findings and recommendations of the commission, and urge them to seek federal cooperation and participation in an undertaking to plan and construct the canals.

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