

HB 2961 - DIGEST

Provides that the Columbia river safety and coastal crab mitigation work group shall: (1) Evaluate the safety risks from wave amplification and the impacts to the coastal crab resource of the state from the Columbia river channel improvement project, including annual maintenance at the mouth of the Columbia river and all ocean and in river disposal activity;

(2)(a) Examine the United States army corps of engineers' responsibilities for the monitoring and mitigation of the potential impacts identified in this act; and (b) evaluate the sufficiency of the United States army corps of engineers' monitoring and mitigation plans and activities in light of its responsibilities; and

(3) Adopt recommended practices or guidelines for monitoring, dredging, or disposal activities that would help avoid, minimize, or compensate for the impacts set forth in this act, should the work group find such practices or guidelines to be necessary. The practices or guidelines must be completed by December 31, 2006.