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SENATE BILL 6676

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By Senator Hatfield

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to changes in vessel designations on Dungeness  
2 crab-coastal fishery licenses; and amending RCW 77.70.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.350 and 2006 c 159 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The following restrictions apply to vessel designations and  
7 substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses:

8 (a) The holder of the license may not:

9 (i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which  
10 exceeds ninety-nine feet; or

11 (ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel  
12 proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length designated on the  
13 license on June 7, 2006, by more than ten feet. However, if such  
14 vessel designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the  
15 applicable vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel  
16 designation on the license prior to June 7, 2006;

17 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is  
18 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the  
19 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel

1 designation no more than once in any (~~two consecutive Washington state~~  
2 ~~coastal crab seasons~~) calendar year unless the currently designated  
3 vessel is lost or in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in  
4 which case the department may allow a change in vessel designation;

5 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated  
6 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the designated  
7 vessel on June 7, 2006, the department may change the vessel  
8 designation no more than once on or after June 7, 2006, unless a  
9 request is made by the license holder during a Washington state coastal  
10 crab season for an emergency change in vessel designation. If such an  
11 emergency request is made, the director may allow a temporary change in  
12 designation to another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel  
13 does not exceed by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently  
14 designated vessel.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the  
16 length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by marine survey or by  
17 manufacturer's specifications.

18 (3) By December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with  
19 the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this  
20 section and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the  
21 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

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