

1 5508-S.E AMH NR H2637.1

2 **ESSB 5508** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Natural Resources

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department
8 of fish and wildlife manages the recreational crab fishery through an
9 imprecise system of catch estimation. Increased harvest data accuracy
10 is needed for the recreational crab fishery and this goal can be
11 accomplished through the establishment of a crab catch record card
12 system.

13 The department shall utilize data from the crab catch record cards
14 in preparing catch reports and in catch-sharing negotiations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 A crab catch record card is required to fish for and harvest
18 Dungeness crabs (*Cancer magister*) in the recreational fishery. The
19 crab catch record card shall be administered under the rules of the
20 commission.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect on July 15, 1999."

22 Correct the title.

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