

SB 6234 - S AMD 189

By Senator Hatfield

1 On page 6, after line 35, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. RCW 77.70.350 and 2006 c 159 s 1 are each amended to read  
3 as follows:

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

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

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

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

15 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is  
16 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the  
17 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel  
18 designation no more than once in any (~~two consecutive Washington state~~  
19 ~~coastal crab seasons~~) one year period, measured from September 15th to  
20 September 15th of the following year, unless the currently designated  
21 vessel is lost or in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in  
22 which case the department may allow a change in vessel designation;

23 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated  
24 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the designated  
25 vessel on June 7, 2006, the department may change the vessel  
26 designation no more than once on or after June 7, 2006, unless a  
27 request is made by the license holder during a Washington state coastal  
28 crab season for an emergency change in vessel designation. If such an  
29 emergency request is made, the director may allow a temporary change in

1 designation to another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel  
2 does not exceed by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently  
3 designated vessel.

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

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

11 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The frequency by which the department of fish and wildlife  
may change the vessel designated on a coastal Dungeness crab license to  
a vessel of comparable size is increased to once in any one year  
period, measured from September 15th to September 15th of the following  
year.

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