
SENATE BILL 5508

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1 AN ACT Relating to catch record card requirements for recreational
2 crab fishers; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

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

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

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

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

15 In addition to a combination fishing license, saltwater fishing
16 license, temporary fishing license, or a family fishing weekend
17 license, a crab catch record card is required to fish for and harvest

1 crabs in the recreational fishery. The crab catch record card shall be
2 administered under the rules of the commission.

3 The commission shall require that fishers carry their card when
4 fishing for crab, that harvest data be immediately entered in ink onto
5 the card when crab are harvested, and that it be mandatory that the
6 card is returned to the department when it has expired.

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