

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5508**

Chapter 399, Laws of 1999  
(partial veto)

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

CRAB CATCH RECORD CARDS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the Senate April 21, 1999  
YEAS 44 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 12, 1999  
YEAS 89 NAYS 5

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 18, 1999, with the  
exception of section 2 and 3, which are  
vetoed.

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the  
Senate of the State of Washington, do  
hereby certify that the attached is  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5508**  
as passed by the Senate and the House  
of Representatives on the dates hereon  
set forth.

TONY M. COOK  
**Secretary**

FILED

May 18, 1999 - 3:31 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 1999 Regular Session

State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      1999 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Oke, Snyder, Jacobsen, Rossi  
and Rasmussen)

Read first time 02/18/1999.

1            AN ACT Relating to catch record card requirements for recreational  
2 crab fishers; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating new  
3 sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 \*Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

2 \*NEW SECTION. *Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate*  
3 *preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the*  
4 *state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect*  
5 *July 15, 1999.*

6 \*Sec. 3 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
8 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
9 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
10 void.

Passed the Senate April 21, 1999.

Passed the House April 12, 1999.

Approved by the Governor May 18, 1999, with the exception of  
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 18, 1999.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 2 and  
3 3, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5508 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to catch record card requirements for recreational  
5 crab fishers;"

6 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5508 requires the Department  
7 of Fish and Wildlife to utilize crab catch record cards in determining  
8 the recreational harvest of crab. Sections 2 and 3 of the bill would  
9 require recreational Dungeness crab fishers to have catch record cards  
10 on July 15, 1999, before they could fish. While I support the intent  
11 of this bill, the 1999 Dungeness crab license year has already begun,  
12 and this requirement would create significant difficulties for fishers  
13 who have already purchased licenses. It would also be practically  
14 impossible for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to notify crab  
15 fishers, and create and distribute catch record cards by mid-July.

16 The Department of Fish and Wildlife strongly agrees that catch  
17 record cards would be very valuable in tracking crab harvest and  
18 population statistics. And, it has committed to implementing the  
19 program by administrative rule, effective with the next license year  
20 beginning in April 2000.

21 For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 2 and 3 of Engrossed  
22 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5508.

23 With the exception of sections 2 and 3, Engrossed Substitute Senate  
24 Bill No. 5508 is approved."