

SHB 2431 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
4 optimize the management of the recreational allocation of Dungeness
5 crab in Washington state. To accomplish this task, it is necessary to
6 accurately and efficiently quantify the total catch by recreational
7 fishers for Dungeness crab using data from catch record cards.
8 Therefore, an endorsement fee on the catch record card paid at the time
9 of purchasing a recreational fishing license will be required for
10 Dungeness crab to specifically identify the recreational crab
11 harvesting population. The endorsement fee will significantly improve
12 the precision of the catch estimates by eliminating the current
13 practice of sampling fishers who do not participate in the recreational
14 crab fishery.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.430 and 2003 c 318 s 1 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) Catch record card(~~s~~) information is necessary for proper
18 management of the state's food fish and game fish species and shellfish
19 resources. Catch record card administration shall be (~~administered~~)
20 under rules adopted by the commission (~~and issued at no charge for~~
21 ~~the~~). There is no charge for an initial catch record card (~~and ten~~
22 ~~dollars for~~). Each subsequent or duplicate catch record card (~~.—A~~
23 ~~duplicate catch record [card]~~) costs ten dollars.

24 (2) A license to take and possess Dungeness crab is only valid in
25 Puget Sound waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line if the fisher has
26 in possession a valid catch record card officially endorsed for
27 Dungeness crab. The endorsement shall cost no more than three dollars
28 including any or all fees authorized under RCW 77.32.050.

29 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term
30 charter stamp licenses are not subject to the ten-dollar charge (~~as~~)

1 nor to the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for in this section.
2 Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary short-term charter
3 stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch record card issued
4 before fishing commences. Catch record cards issued with a temporary
5 short-term charter stamp are valid for two consecutive days.

6 ~~((3))~~ (4) The department shall include provisions for recording
7 marked and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31,
8 2004.

9 ~~((4))~~ (5) The funds received from the sale of catch record cards
10 and the Dungeness crab endorsement must be deposited into the wildlife
11 fund. The funds received from the Dungeness crab endorsement may be
12 used only for the sampling, monitoring, and management of catch
13 associated with the Dungeness crab recreational fisheries. Moneys
14 allocated under this section shall supplement and not supplant other
15 federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness crab recreational
16 fisheries management.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. After the completion of one season using the
18 Dungeness crab endorsement fee for Puget Sound recreational Dungeness
19 crab fisheries, the department of fish and wildlife shall evaluate the
20 effectiveness of the endorsement fee as a method for improving the
21 accuracy of catch estimates for the Puget Sound recreational Dungeness
22 crab fishery. The department's report shall include how the method has
23 affected their ability to more accurately estimate the preseason
24 allocation of the Puget Sound recreational Dungeness crab fishery and
25 monitor in-season catch. The department shall report their findings to
26 the appropriate committees of the legislature by May 15, 2006.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 May 15, 2004."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "endorsement;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 77.32.430; creating new
3 sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

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