
HOUSE BILL 1887

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Ecology & Parks.

1 AN ACT Relating to commercial fisheries; adding new sections to
2 chapter 77.70 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The commercial fisheries permit buyback account is created in the
7 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from money collected by
8 the commission under section 2 of this act, moneys appropriated for the
9 purposes of this section, and other gifts, grants, or donations
10 specifically made to the fund must be deposited into the account.
11 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purpose of
12 repaying moneys advanced by the federal government under a fleet
13 reduction, groundfish permit buyback program established by the federal
14 government. Only the director of fish and wildlife or the director's
15 designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
16 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
17 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.70 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The fish and wildlife commission shall collect a fee from
4 persons holding an ocean pink shrimp delivery license issued under RCW
5 77.65.390, a Dungeness crab--coastal fishery license issued under RCW
6 77.70.280, or a salmon troll license issued under RCW 77.65.160 to
7 repay the federal government for moneys advanced by the federal
8 government under a fleet reduction, groundfish permit buyback program
9 established by the federal government.

10 (2) The commission shall adopt a fee schedule by rule for the
11 collection of the fee required by subsection (1) of this section. The
12 fee schedule adopted shall limit the total amount of moneys collected
13 through the fee to the minimum amount necessary to repay the moneys
14 advanced by the federal government. Additionally, the commission shall
15 adjust the fee schedule such that the money collected from each person
16 holding an ocean pink shrimp delivery license issued under RCW
17 77.65.390, a Dungeness crab--coastal fishery license issued under RCW
18 77.70.280, or a salmon troll license issued under RCW 77.65.160 is
19 proportional to the benefits derived from the permit buyback program by
20 persons holding permits issued under the following statutes:

- 21 (a) Ocean troll salmon fishery;
- 22 (b) Ocean pink shrimp fishery; and
- 23 (c) Ocean Dungeness crab fishery.

24 (3) The commission shall deposit moneys collected under this
25 section in the commercial fisheries permit buyback account created in
26 section 1 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.70 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The fish and wildlife commission may not assess the fee specified
30 under section 2 of this act until after the federal government creates
31 the fleet reduction, groundfish permit buyback program.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 77.70 RCW
33 to read as follows:

- 34 (1) Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire January 1, 2006.
- 35 (2) Any balance in the commercial fisheries permit buyback account

1 that is unexpended and unobligated on January 1, 2006, and all moneys
2 that would have been deposited in the account must be deposited in the
3 general fund.

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