

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2431

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DUNGENESS CRAB ENDORSEMENT

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Yeas 93 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2004
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 24, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2431** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Cooper and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to Dungeness crab endorsement; amending RCW
2 77.32.430; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term
14 charter stamp licenses are not subject to the ten-dollar charge (~~as~~)
15 nor to the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for in this section.
16 Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary short-term charter
17 stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch record card issued
18 before fishing commences. Catch record cards issued with a temporary
19 short-term charter stamp are valid for two consecutive days.

20 (~~(+3)~~) (4) The department shall include provisions for recording
21 marked and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31,
22 2004.

23 (~~(+4)~~) (5) The funds received from the sale of catch record cards
24 and the Dungeness crab endorsement must be deposited into the wildlife
25 fund. The funds received from the Dungeness crab endorsement may be
26 used only for the sampling, monitoring, and management of catch
27 associated with the Dungeness crab recreational fisheries. Moneys
28 allocated under this section shall supplement and not supplant other
29 federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness crab recreational
30 fisheries management.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. After the completion of one season using the
32 Dungeness crab endorsement fee for Puget Sound recreational Dungeness
33 crab fisheries, the department of fish and wildlife shall evaluate the
34 effectiveness of the endorsement fee as a method for improving the
35 accuracy of catch estimates for the Puget Sound recreational Dungeness
36 crab fishery. The department's report shall include how the method has
37 affected their ability to more accurately estimate the preseason

1 allocation of the Puget Sound recreational Dungeness crab fishery and
2 monitor in-season catch. The department shall report their findings to
3 the appropriate committees of the legislature by May 15, 2006.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 May 15, 2004.

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