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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Sump, Cooper, Buck and Hatfield)

Brief Description: Creating the commercial fisheries permit buyback account.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the fish and wildlife commission to collect a fee upon all deliveries of fish or shellfish from persons holding: (1) A federal pacific groundfish limited entry permit with a trawl endorsement;

(2) An ocean pink shrimp delivery license issued under RCW 77.65.390;

(3) A Dungeness crab--coastal fishery license issued under RCW 77.70.280;

(4) A food fish delivery license issued under RCW 77.65.200;

or

(5) A shrimp trawl license under RCW 77.65.220, to repay the federal government for moneys advanced by the federal government under a groundfish fleet reduction program established by the federal government.

Provides that the fee charged to the holders of a Dungeness crab--coastal fishery license may not exceed two percent of total annual landings, and the fee charged to all other eligible license holders may not exceed five percent of total annual landings. The commission may adjust the fee schedule as necessary to ensure that the funds collected are adequate to repay the debt obligation of each fishery.

Requires the commission to deposit moneys collected under this act in the commercial fisheries buyback account created in this act.

Provides that the commission may not assess the fee specified until after the federal government creates a groundfish fleet reduction program.

Provides that a Dungeness crab--coastal fishery license may not be issued to a person who participates in the federal fleet reduction program created in this act within ten years of that person's participation in the federal program, if reciprocal restrictions are imposed by the states of Oregon and California on persons participating in the federal fleet reduction program.

Repeals RCW 77.70.380.