

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6439

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DUNGENESS CRAB-COASTAL FISHERY LICENSES

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YEAS 43 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House February 28, 2006
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 20, 2006.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6439** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Oke, Jacobsen, Schoesler
and Delvin)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to coastal crab fisheries licenses; and amending
2 RCW 77.70.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.350 and 1994 c 260 s 10 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The following restrictions apply to vessel designations and
7 substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses (~~and~~
8 ~~Dungeness crab-coastal class B fishery licenses~~):

9 (a) The holder of the license may not:

10 (i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which
11 exceeds ninety-nine feet (~~, nor may the holder~~); or

12 (ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel
13 proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length (~~of the currently~~
14 ~~designated vessel~~) designated on the license on the effective date of
15 this section by more than ten feet. However, if such vessel
16 designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the applicable
17 vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel designation on
18 the license prior to the effective date of this section;

1 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is
2 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the
3 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel
4 designation no more than once in any two consecutive Washington state
5 coastal crab seasons unless the currently designated vessel is lost or
6 in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in which case the
7 department may allow a change in vessel designation;

8 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated
9 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the
10 ~~((currently))~~ designated vessel on the effective date of this section,
11 the department may change the vessel designation no more than once ~~((in~~
12 ~~any five consecutive Washington state coastal crab seasons))~~ on or
13 after the effective date of this section, unless a request is made by
14 the license holder during a Washington state coastal crab season for an
15 emergency change in vessel designation. If such an emergency request
16 is made, the director may allow a temporary change in designation to
17 another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel does not exceed
18 by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently designated
19 vessel.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the
21 length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by ~~((United States coast~~
22 ~~guard documentation or))~~ marine survey~~((₇))~~ or ~~((for vessels that do~~
23 ~~not require United States coast guard documentation,₇))~~ by
24 manufacturer's specifications ~~((or marine survey))~~.

25 (3) By December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with
26 the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this
27 section and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the
28 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

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