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By Representatives Blake and Kretz

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1 AN ACT Relating to recovering gear used in the coastal Dungeness
2 crab fisheries; and amending RCW 77.65.220.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 77.65.220 and 2000 c 107 s 43 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) This section establishes commercial fishery licenses required
7 for shellfish fisheries and the annual fees for those licenses. The
8 director may issue a limited-entry commercial fishery license only to
9 a person who meets the qualifications established in applicable
10 governing sections of this title.

	Fishery (Governing section(s))	Annual Fee		Vessel Required?	Limited Entry?
		Resident	Nonresident		
11	(a) Burrowing shrimp	\$185	\$295	Yes	No
12	(b) Crab ring net-	\$130	\$185	Yes	No
13	Non-Puget Sound				
14	(c) Crab ring net-	\$130	\$185	Yes	No
15	Puget Sound				

1	(d) Dungeness crab-	\$295	\$520	Yes	Yes
2	coastal (RCW				
3	77.70.280)				
4	(e) Dungeness crab-	\$295	\$520	Yes	Yes
5	coastal, class B				
6	(RCW 77.70.280)				
7	(f) Dungeness crab-	\$130	\$185	Yes	Yes
8	Puget Sound				
9	(RCW 77.70.110)				
10	(g) Emerging	\$185	\$295	Determined	Determined
11	commercial fishery			by rule	by rule
12	(RCW 77.70.160				
	and 77.65.400)				
13	(h) Geoduck (RCW	\$ 0	\$ 0	Yes	Yes
14	77.70.220)				
15	(i) Hardshell clam	\$530	\$985	Yes	No
16	mechanical				
17	harvester				
18	(RCW 77.65.250)				
19	(j) Oyster reserve	\$130	\$185	No	No
20	(RCW 77.65.260)				
21	(k) Razor clam	\$130	\$185	No	No
22	(l) Sea cucumber dive	\$130	\$185	Yes	Yes
23	(RCW 77.70.190)				
24	(m) Sea urchin dive	\$130	\$185	Yes	Yes
25	(RCW 77.70.150)				
26	(n) Shellfish dive	\$130	\$185	Yes	No
27	(o) Shellfish pot	\$130	\$185	Yes	No
28	(p) Shrimp pot-	\$185	\$295	Yes	Yes
29	Puget Sound				
30	(RCW 77.70.410)				
31	(q) Shrimp trawl-	\$240	\$405	Yes	No
32	Non-Puget Sound				
33	(r) Shrimp trawl-	\$185	\$295	Yes	Yes
34	Puget Sound				
35	(RCW 77.70.420)				
36	(s) Squid	\$185	\$295	Yes	No

37 (2) The director may by rule determine the species of shellfish
38 that may be taken with the commercial fishery licenses established in
39 this section, the gear that may be used with the licenses, and the
40 areas or waters in which the licenses may be used. Where a fishery
41 license has been established for a particular species, gear,
42 geographical area, or combination thereof, a more general fishery
43 license may not be used to take shellfish in that fishery.

1 (3) All rules adopted relating to the Dungeness crab-coastal
2 fishery under subsection (1)(d) of this section must:

3 (a) Allow individuals with the applicable commercial fishery
4 license to remove fishing gear remaining in the water in that fishery
5 after the close of the fishing season, regardless of whether it was
6 originally set by the individual or not; and

7 (b) At a minimum, address the geographic regions south of 46°53.30'
8 N. latitude.

9 (4) The commission may require a system of declaring gear abandoned
10 and posting of abandoned gear declarations by the department to
11 facilitate the process of removing gear after the close of the fishing
12 season under subsection (3) of this section, if appropriate. Under an
13 abandoned gear declaration system, the commission may issue fines for
14 nondeclared gear remaining in the water after the close of the fishing
15 season and require that the fines be added to a fund designated for the
16 purpose of gear recovery, if appropriate.

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