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By Representative Klippert

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1 AN ACT Relating to wildlife harvest reports required by the
2 department of fish and wildlife; amending RCW 77.32.070; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.070 and 2008 c 244 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Applicants for a license, permit, tag, or stamp shall furnish
8 the information required by the director. However, the director may
9 not require the purchaser of a razor clam license under RCW 77.32.520
10 to provide any personal information except for proof of residency.
11 The commission may adopt rules requiring licensees or permittees to
12 keep records and make reports concerning the taking of or effort to
13 harvest fish, shellfish, and wildlife. The reporting requirement may
14 be waived where, for any reason, the department is not able to
15 receive the report. The department must provide reasonable options
16 for a licensee to submit information to a live operator prior to the
17 reporting deadline.

18 (2) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty
19 for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of taking or
20 effort to harvest wildlife. The commission may also adopt rules
21 requiring hunters who have not reported for ((the)) a previous

1 license year to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative
2 penalty before a new hunting license is issued.

3 (a) The total administrative penalty per hunter set by the
4 commission must not exceed (~~ten dollars~~) \$20.

5 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report
6 the rate of hunter compliance with the harvest reporting requirement,
7 the administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the
8 amount of administrative penalties collected during that year to the
9 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of
10 representatives.

11 (3) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty
12 for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of data from
13 catch record cards officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness
14 crab. The commission may also adopt rules requiring fishers who
15 possessed a catch record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound
16 Dungeness crab and who have not reported for the previous license
17 year to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative penalty
18 before a new catch record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound
19 Dungeness crab is issued.

20 (a) The total administrative penalty per fisher set by the
21 commission must not exceed ten dollars.

22 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report
23 the rate of fisher compliance with the Puget Sound Dungeness crab
24 catch record card reporting requirement, the administrative penalty
25 imposed for failing to report, and the amount of administrative
26 penalties collected during that year to the appropriate fiscal and
27 policy committees of the senate and house of representatives.

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