

2 **ESSB 6047** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature passed Substitute Senate
8 Bill No. 5501 in 1991. The bill required that the department of
9 fisheries conduct a study to determine the optimum number of commercial
10 fishing licenses. The subsequent study recommended a reduction in the
11 numbers of licenses, and the numbers recommended were based upon the
12 need for the department to ensure the economic stability of the
13 commercial fishing industry. There was no specific plan to achieve
14 this reduction. The legislature believes those affected by the
15 economics of the industry should participate strongly in planning and
16 implementation of actions designed to achieve economic stability in
17 order to ensure a successful outcome."

18 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor shall appoint a task force
19 nominated by the commercial fishing industry to address the issue of
20 economic stability in the commercial fishing industry. The task force
21 shall be officially known as the "task force on economic stability in
22 the commercial fishing industry." The task force shall consist of two
23 members from each of the salmon troll industry, the Columbia
24 river/Willapa Bay gill net industry, Columbia river/Grays Harbor gill
25 net industry, the Puget Sound gill net industry, and the Puget Sound
26 purse seine industry, and one member from the reef net industry. One
27 additional member shall be appointed who depends upon commercial

1 fishing for only a portion of his or her livelihood. The task force
2 shall elect a chair from the appointed members to facilitate the
3 meetings. The director of fisheries or the director's designee shall
4 provide assistance requested by the task force. The task force shall
5 provide a progress report to the legislature by January 31, 1993.

6 The task force shall submit to the legislature on or before January
7 31, 1994, a detailed plan to achieve economic stability in the
8 commercial fishing industry. The task force shall determine the
9 optimum number of licenses in each fishery by gear group, and develop
10 a plan to achieve the optimum number of licenses within a specific time
11 schedule. The task force shall not include representatives of the
12 charter boat industry, and the plan shall not address the charter boat
13 industry. The task force shall adopt a resolution setting forth the
14 means and process by which the task force shall operate and the manner
15 in which their plan will be reviewed.

16 This section shall expire February 1, 1994."

17 "**Sec. 3.** RCW 75.28.040 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 46 s 108 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Commercial licenses and permits expire at midnight on December 31st
20 following their issuance and in accordance with this title may be
21 renewed annually upon application and payment of the prescribed license
22 fees. The director shall waive the landing requirement for renewal of
23 commercial salmon licenses in cases where the northwest power planning
24 council conducts a temporary leasing of a commercial salmon fishing
25 license. The director may adopt rules to accomplish the goals of the
26 leasing program."

27 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 75.28 RCW
28 to read as follows:

1 The director of the department of fisheries shall waive the landing
2 requirement for commercial salmon license renewal if the director does
3 not provide adequate commercial salmon fishing opportunities."

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall not be construed as a
5 reallocation of salmon among user groups."

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9 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "licenses;" strike the
10 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 75.28.040; adding a new
11 section to chapter 75.28 RCW; and creating new sections."