

1 **ESSB 5980 - H AMD 000747 ADOPTED 5-5-93**

2 By Representative King and others

3 On page 30, after line 22, insert:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 50.** A new section is added to chapter
5 75.28 RCW to read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definition
7 in this section applies throughout this chapter.

8 "Coastal crab" means Dungeness crab (*Cancer magister*) taken in
9 all Washington territorial and offshore waters south of the United
10 States-Canada boundary and west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line (a line
11 from the western end of Cape Flattery to Tatoosh Island Lighthouse,
12 then to the buoy adjacent to Duntz Rock, then in a straight line to
13 Bonilla Point of Vancouver Island), Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and
14 the Columbia river.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 51.** A new section is added to chapter
16 75.28 RCW to read as follows:

17 Effective January 1, 1994, it is unlawful to fish for coastal
18 crab in Washington state waters or to deliver coastal crab to a
19 port in the state if the crab is harvested with a vessel equipped
20 with more than four hundred crab pots. This section shall not
21 apply to deliveries that are necessary due to bona fide emergencies
22 as determined by the director.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 52.** If the director of the department of
24 fisheries develops proposed legislation as a result of its study on
25 coastal crab pursuant to chapter 9, Laws of 1992, the director
26 shall involve the commercial crab industry in the preparation of
27 such legislation."

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1 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
2 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Except in cases of emergency, requires vessels landing Dungeness crab in Washington, or harvesting Dungeness crab in Washington waters, to fish no more than 400 crab pots. Requires the Department of Fisheries to involve the coastal crab industry in preparing legislation if such legislation is prepared by the Department as a result of its coastal crab study.