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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial shrimp fishing licenses; amending RCW
2 75.30.050; adding new sections to chapter 75.30 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the commercial
6 shrimp fishery has the potential to become overcapitalized. The
7 legislature further finds that overcapitalization can lead to economic
8 hardship, and that reductions in fishing opportunities from future
9 licensing restrictions create uncertainty. It is in the best interest
10 of the shrimp resource and commercial shrimp fishers in the state to be
11 proactive, as has the state of Oregon, by limiting further entry into
12 the commercial shrimp fishery.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is unlawful to deliver pink shrimp caught
14 in the ocean without a pink shrimp endorsement issued to a vessel. An
15 endorsement is not required to take other species of shrimp including
16 Hood Canal shrimp. An endorsement shall be issued to a vessel that:

1 (1) Landed five thousand pounds of pink shrimp in Washington in any
2 single year before December 31, 1992, as documented by a valid
3 shellfish receiving ticket;

4 (2) Was in the process on December 31, 1992, of constructing a
5 vessel for the primary purposes of ocean pink shrimp harvest. An
6 endorsement issued under this subsection expires December 31, 1994,
7 unless the individual lands five thousand pounds of pink shrimp in
8 Washington before December 31, 1994; or

9 (3) Is a replacement vessel for a vessel with a prior endorsement.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A pink shrimp endorsement is transferable
11 only from a vessel that has, in each of the two years before the
12 proposed transfer, landed five thousand pounds of pink shrimp in
13 Washington. A pink shrimp endorsement is renewable each year upon
14 payment by a pink shrimp endorsement holder of the annual delivery
15 license fee established in RCW 75.28.125.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 75.30.050 and 1990 c 61 s 3 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) The director shall appoint three-member advisory review boards
19 to hear cases as provided in RCW 75.30.060. Members shall be from:

20 (a) The salmon charter boat fishing industry in cases involving
21 salmon charter boat licenses or angler permits;

22 (b) The commercial salmon fishing industry in cases involving
23 commercial salmon licenses;

24 (c) The commercial crab fishing industry in cases involving Puget
25 Sound crab license endorsements;

26 (d) The commercial herring fishery in cases involving herring
27 validations;

28 (e) The commercial Puget Sound whiting fishery in cases involving
29 Puget Sound whiting license endorsements;

30 (f) The commercial sea urchin fishery in cases involving sea urchin
31 endorsements to shellfish diver licenses; ((and))

32 (g) The commercial sea cucumber fishery in cases involving sea
33 cucumber endorsements to shellfish diver licenses; and

34 (h) The commercial ocean pink shrimp industry in cases involving
35 ocean pink shrimp endorsements to shellfish delivery permits.

1 (2) Members shall serve at the discretion of the director and shall
2 be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
3 43.03.060.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The director may reduce or waive any landing
5 requirement established under section 2 or 3 of this act upon the
6 recommendation of an advisory review board established under RCW
7 75.30.050. The advisory review board may recommend a reduction or
8 waiver of the landing requirement in individual cases if in the board's
9 judgment, extenuating circumstances prevent achievement of the landing
10 requirement. The director shall adopt rules governing the operation of
11 the advisory review board and defining "extenuating circumstances."

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** An individual or vessel that holds valid
13 commercial fishing permits required by or issued pursuant to the laws
14 of another state may land pink shrimp in this state that were taken in
15 the ocean pink shrimp fishery without the endorsement required in
16 section 2 of this act if the individual or vessel obtains a single
17 delivery license required under RCW 75.28.125, and if that individual
18 lands pink shrimp only six times within any calendar year.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this act are each
20 added to chapter 75.30 RCW.

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