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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Snyder, Hargrove and Owen)

Brief Description: Regulating the non-Puget Sound coastal commercial crab fishery.

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Prohibits, after December 1, 1993, the taking of dungeness crab in Washington coastal waters without a commercial license.

Does not apply to other species of crab.

Designates requirements for the issuance of a license.

Allows transfer of a license when a vessel is sold or destroyed.

Allows issuance of a license to certain designated Oregon vessels.

Creates a limited entry fishery as of January 31, 1994.

Requires the department of fisheries to prepare a gear reduction plan by December 31, 1994.