

2 **ESSB 5508** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Appropriations

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/12/99

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department
8 of fish and wildlife manages the recreational crab fishery through an
9 imprecise system of catch estimation. Increased harvest data accuracy
10 is needed for the recreational crab fishery and this goal can be
11 accomplished through the establishment of a crab catch record card
12 system.

13 The department shall utilize data from the crab catch record cards
14 in preparing catch reports and in catch-sharing negotiations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 A crab catch record card is required to fish for and harvest
18 Dungeness crabs (*Cancer magister*) in the recreational fishery. The
19 crab catch record card shall be administered under the rules of the
20 commission.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
24 July 15, 1999.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
26 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
27 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
28 void."

29 Correct the title.

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