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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following:
- 7 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.65.160 and 2000 c 107 s 37 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 (1) The following commercial salmon fishery licenses are required 10 for the license holder to use the specified gear to fish for salmon in 11 state waters. Only a person who meets the qualifications of RCW 12 77.70.090 may hold a license listed in this subsection. The licenses 13 and their annual fees and surcharges under RCW 77.95.090 are:

14	Fishery	Resident	Nonresident	Surcharge
15	License	Fee	Fee	
16	(a) Salmon Gill NetGrays	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
17	Harbor-Columbia river			
18	(b) Salmon Gill NetPuget	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
19	Sound			
20	(c) Salmon Gill NetWillapa	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
21	Bay-Columbia river			
22	(d) Salmon purse seine	\$530	\$985	plus \$100
23	(e) Salmon reef net	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
24	(f) Salmon troll	\$380	\$685	plus \$100

- 25 (2) A license issued under this section authorizes no taking or 26 delivery of salmon or other food fish unless a vessel is designated 27 under RCW 77.65.100.
- 28 (3) Holders of commercial salmon fishery licenses may retain 29 incidentally caught food fish other than salmon, subject to rules of 30 the department.
- 31 (4) A salmon troll license includes a salmon delivery license.
- (5) A salmon gill net license authorizes the taking of salmon only in the geographical area for which the license is issued. The
- 34 geographical designations in subsection (1) of this section have the
- 35 following meanings:

1 (a) "Puget Sound" includes waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca,
2 Georgia Strait, Puget Sound and all bays, inlets, canals, coves,
3 sounds, and estuaries lying easterly and southerly of the international
4 boundary line and a line at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca
5 projected northerly from Cape Flattery to the lighthouse on Tatoosh
6 Island and then to Bonilla Point on Vancouver Island.

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- (b) "Grays Harbor-Columbia river" includes waters of Grays Harbor and tributary estuaries lying easterly of a line projected northerly from Point Chehalis Light to Point Brown and those waters of the Columbia river and tributary sloughs and estuaries easterly of a line at the entrance to the Columbia river projected southerly from the most westerly point of the North jetty to the most westerly point of the South jetty.
- (c) "Willapa Bay-Columbia river" includes waters of Willapa Bay and tributary estuaries and easterly of a line projected northerly from Leadbetter Point to the Cape Shoalwater tower and those waters of the Columbia river and tributary sloughs described in (b) of this subsection.
- 19 (6) A commercial salmon troll fishery license may be renewed under this section if the license holder notifies the department by May 1st 20 of that year that he or she will not participate in the fishery during 21 that calendar year. A commercial salmon gill net, reef net, or seine 22 23 fishery license may be renewed under this section if the license holder 24 notifies the department ((by August 1st)) before the third Monday in 25 September of that year that he or she will not participate in the 26 fishery during that calendar year. The license holder must pay the one hundred-dollar enhancement surcharge, plus a fifteen-dollar handling 27 charge before the third Monday in September, in order to be considered 28 a valid renewal and eligible to renew the license the following year. 29
  - (7) Notwithstanding the annual license fees and surcharges established in subsection (1) of this section, a person who holds a resident commercial salmon fishery license shall pay an annual license fee of one hundred dollars plus the surcharge if all of the following conditions are met:
    - (a) The license holder is at least seventy-five years of age;
- 36 <u>(b) The license holder owns a fishing vessel and has fished with a</u>
  37 resident commercial salmon fishery license for at least thirty years;
  38 and

- 1 (c) The commercial salmon fishery license is for a geographical
- 2 area other than the Puget Sound.
- 3 An alternate operator may not be designated for a license renewed
- 4 at the one hundred dollar annual fee under this subsection (7).
- 5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.65.030 and 1993 c 340 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 The application deadline for a commercial license or permit
- 8 established in this chapter is December  $31\underline{st}$  of the calendar year for
- 9 which the license or permit is sought. The department shall accept no
- 10 license or permit applications after December  $31\underline{st}$  of the calendar year
- 11 for which the license or permit is sought. The application deadline in
- 12 this section does not apply to a license or permit that has not been
- 13 renewed because of the death of the license or permit holder. The
- 14 <u>license or permit holder's surviving spouse, estate, or estate</u>
- 15 <u>beneficiary must be given a reasonable opportunity to renew the license</u>
- 16 <u>or permit.</u>
- 17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.65.070 and 1996 c 267 s 27 are each amended to read
- 18 as follows:
- 19 (1) A commercial license issued under this chapter permits the
- 20 license holder to engage in the activity for which the license is
- 21 issued in accordance with this title and the rules of the department.
- 22 (2) No security interest or lien of any kind, including tax liens,
- 23 may be created or enforced in a license issued under this chapter.
- 24 (3) Unless otherwise provided in this title or rules of the
- 25 department, commercial licenses and permits issued under this chapter
- 26 expire at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year for which they
- 27 are issued. In accordance with this title, licenses may be renewed
- 28 annually upon application and payment of the prescribed license fees.
- 29 In accordance with RCW 77.65.030, the department must provide a license
- 30 or permit holder's surviving spouse, estate, or estate beneficiary a
- 31 reasonable opportunity to renew the license or permit."
- 32 Correct the title.

<u>EFFECT:</u> Allows the surviving spouse, estate, or estate beneficiary a reasonable opportunity to renew a license or permit of a deceased license or permit holder. It also reduces the annual resident

commercial salmon fishery license fee for people who are over 75 years of age, have fished under the license for at least 30 years, owns a fishing vessel, and uses the license for an area other than the Puget Sound.

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