

2 **SSB 5443** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4/4/01**
3 By Committee on Natural Resources

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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 Net--Grays	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
17	Harbor-Columbia river			
18	(b) Salmon Gill Net--Puget	\$380	\$685	plus \$100
19	Sound			
20	(c) Salmon Gill Net--Willapa	\$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.

32 (5) A salmon gill net license authorizes the taking of salmon only
33 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:

36 (a) "Puget Sound" includes waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca,
37 Georgia Strait, Puget Sound and all bays, inlets, canals, coves,
38 sounds, and estuaries lying easterly and southerly of the international

1 boundary line and a line at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca
2 projected northerly from Cape Flattery to the lighthouse on Tatoosh
3 Island and then to Bonilla Point on Vancouver Island.

4 (b) "Grays Harbor-Columbia river" includes waters of Grays Harbor
5 and tributary estuaries lying easterly of a line projected northerly
6 from Point Chehalis Light to Point Brown and those waters of the
7 Columbia river and tributary sloughs and estuaries easterly of a line
8 at the entrance to the Columbia river projected southerly from the most
9 westerly point of the North jetty to the most westerly point of the
10 South jetty.

11 (c) "Willapa Bay-Columbia river" includes waters of Willapa Bay and
12 tributary estuaries and easterly of a line projected northerly from
13 Leadbetter Point to the Cape Shoalwater tower and those waters of the
14 Columbia river and tributary sloughs described in (b) of this
15 subsection.

16 (6) A commercial salmon troll fishery license may be renewed under
17 this section if the license holder notifies the department by May 1st
18 of that year that he or she will not participate in the fishery during
19 that calendar year. A commercial salmon gill net, reef net, or seine
20 fishery license may be renewed under this section if the license holder
21 notifies the department (~~by August 1st~~) before the third Monday in
22 September of that year that he or she will not participate in the
23 fishery during that calendar year. The license holder must pay the one
24 hundred-dollar enhancement surcharge, plus a fifteen-dollar handling
25 charge before the third Monday in September, in order to be considered
26 a valid renewal and eligible to renew the license the following year.

27 (7) Notwithstanding the annual license fees and surcharges
28 established in subsection (1) of this section, a person who holds a
29 resident commercial salmon fishery license shall pay an annual license
30 fee of one hundred dollars without a surcharge if all of the following
31 conditions are met:

32 (a) The license holder is at least seventy-five years of age;

33 (b) The license holder owns a fishing vessel and has fished with a
34 resident commercial salmon fishery license for at least twenty years;
35 and

36 (c) The commercial salmon fishery license is for a geographical
37 area other than the Puget Sound.

38 An alternate operator may not be designated for a license renewed
39 at the one hundred dollar annual fee under this subsection (7).

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.65.030 and 1993 c 340 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The application deadline for a commercial license or permit
4 established in this chapter is December 31st of the calendar year for
5 which the license or permit is sought. The department shall accept no
6 license or permit applications after December 31st of the calendar year
7 for which the license or permit is sought. The application deadline in
8 this section does not apply to a license or permit that has not been
9 renewed because of the death of the license or permit holder. The
10 license or permit holder's surviving spouse, estate, or estate
11 beneficiary must be given a reasonable opportunity to renew the license
12 or permit.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.65.070 and 1996 c 267 s 27 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) A commercial license issued under this chapter permits the
16 license holder to engage in the activity for which the license is
17 issued in accordance with this title and the rules of the department.

18 (2) No security interest or lien of any kind, including tax liens,
19 may be created or enforced in a license issued under this chapter.

20 (3) Unless otherwise provided in this title or rules of the
21 department, commercial licenses and permits issued under this chapter
22 expire at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year for which they
23 are issued. In accordance with this title, licenses may be renewed
24 annually upon application and payment of the prescribed license fees.
25 In accordance with RCW 77.65.030, the department must provide a license
26 or permit holder's surviving spouse, estate, or estate beneficiary a
27 reasonable opportunity to renew the license or permit."

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: 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 20 years, owns a
fishing vessel, and uses the license for an area other than the Puget
Sound.

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