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1 AN ACT Relating to the consideration of extenuating
2 circumstances for gear and effort reduction for the coastal
3 Dungeness crab resource plan provisions; amending RCW 77.70.400;
4 and creating a new section.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.400 and 1998 c 245 s 154 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The department, with input from Dungeness crab--coastal fishery
9 licensees and processors, shall prepare a resource plan to achieve
10 even-flow harvesting and long-term stability of the coastal
11 Dungeness crab resource. The plan may include pot limits, further
12 reduction in the number of vessels, individual quotas, trip
13 limits, area quotas, or other measures as determined by the
14 department. The provisions of such a resource plan that are
15 designed to effect a gear reduction or effort reduction based upon
16 historical landing criteria are subject to the provisions of RCW
17 77.70.390 with respect to the consideration of extenuating
18 circumstances.

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2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of determining the number
3 of shellfish pots assigned to a Washington Dungeness crab-coastal
4 fishery license, if the Dungeness crab-coastal fishery license is
5 held by a person whose vessel was lost due to sinking or fire in
6 any one of the three qualifying seasons, then the department of
7 fish and wildlife shall go back one more season from December 1,
8 1995, to September 15, 1996, and use this season poundage to
9 determine the number of pots granted to the license holder as an
10 exception to WAC 220-52-040(14).

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