

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6033

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Creating a Washington coastal Dungeness crab pot buoy tag program.

**Sponsors:** Senator Doumit.

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation**

**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

**House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks**

**House Committee on Appropriations**

**Background:** The commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the Puget Sound uses a crab pot buoy marking system to help regulate the fishery. The coastal fishery does not use the marking system and the complexity of the coastal fishery could be simplified if a tag program were established.

**Summary:** A commercial crab pot buoy program is established and an account is set up to hold the revenue from the fishers payment of a fee to cover the Department of Fish and Wildlife's cost for the tags. The department must review annually the costs of the tags and pass savings on to the license holders.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	38	8	
House	95	0	(House amended)
Senate	41	5	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 24, 2005