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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6439**

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**By** Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Oke, Jacobsen, Schoesler  
and Delvin)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to coastal crab fisheries licenses; and amending  
2 RCW 77.70.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.350 and 1994 c 260 s 10 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The following restrictions apply to vessel designations and  
7 substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses (~~and~~  
8 ~~Dungeness crab-coastal class B fishery licenses~~):

9 (a) The holder of the license may not:

10 (i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which  
11 exceeds ninety-nine feet(~~(, nor may the holder)~~); or

12 (ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel  
13 proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length (~~(of the currently~~  
14 ~~designated vessel)~~) designated on the license on the effective date of  
15 this section by more than ten feet;

16 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is  
17 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the  
18 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel  
19 designation no more than once in any two consecutive Washington state

1 coastal crab seasons unless the currently designated vessel is lost or  
2 in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in which case the  
3 department may allow a change in vessel designation;

4 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated  
5 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the  
6 (~~currently~~) designated vessel on the effective date of this section,  
7 the department may change the vessel designation no more than once (~~in~~  
8 ~~any five consecutive Washington state coastal crab seasons~~) on or  
9 after the effective date of this section, unless a request is made by  
10 the license holder during a Washington state coastal crab season for an  
11 emergency change in vessel designation. If such an emergency request  
12 is made, the director may allow a temporary change in designation to  
13 another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel does not exceed  
14 by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently designated  
15 vessel.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the  
17 length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by (~~United States coast~~  
18 ~~guard documentation or~~) marine survey(~~(r)~~) or (~~for vessels that do~~  
19 ~~not require United States coast guard documentation,~~) by  
20 manufacturer's specifications (~~or marine survey~~).

21 (3) By December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with  
22 the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this  
23 section and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the  
24 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

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