
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6708

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2006 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to geoduck harvesting; amending RCW 77.65.410;
2 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.65.410 and 1993 c 340 s 24 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every diver engaged in the commercial harvest of geoduck clams
7 shall obtain a nontransferable geoduck diver license.

8 (2) After July 1, 2006, the director may not issue new geoduck
9 diver licenses. A person may renew an existing license only if the
10 person held a geoduck diver license in 2004 and held a geoduck diver
11 license for a minimum of five of the ten years from 1994 through 2003.

12 (3) The director must revoke a geoduck diver license issued after
13 January 1, 2006, that does not meet the criteria of subsections (1) and
14 (2) of this section.

15 (4) Geoduck diver licenses are not transferable. The license
16 holder must perform the actual harvesting.

17 (5) The director must revoke geoduck diver licenses that are not
18 renewed by December 31st of each year.

1 (6) A license may be reissued by the director if another license is
2 surrendered for any reason at any time.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2008.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 immediately.

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