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By Representatives Blake and Linville; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to Puget Sound Dungeness crab catch record cards;
2 amending RCW 77.32.070 and 77.15.280; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.070 and 2005 c 418 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Applicants for a license, permit, tag, or stamp shall furnish
7 the information required by the director. However, the director may
8 not require the purchaser of a razor clam license under RCW 77.32.520
9 to provide any personal information except for proof of residency. The
10 commission may adopt rules requiring licensees or permittees to keep
11 records and make reports concerning the taking of or effort to harvest
12 fish, shellfish, and wildlife. The reporting requirement may be waived
13 where, for any reason, the department is not able to receive the
14 report. The department must provide reasonable options for a licensee
15 to submit information to a live operator prior to the reporting
16 deadline.

17 (2) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty for
18 failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of taking or
19 effort to harvest wildlife. The commission may also adopt rules

1 requiring hunters who have not reported for the previous license year
2 to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative penalty before
3 a new hunting license is issued.

4 (a) The total administrative penalty per hunter set by the
5 commission must not exceed ten dollars.

6 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report the
7 rate of hunter compliance with the harvest reporting requirement, the
8 administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the amount of
9 administrative penalties collected during that year to the appropriate
10 fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of
11 representatives.

12 (3) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty for
13 failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of data from catch
14 record cards officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab. The
15 commission may also adopt rules requiring fishers who possessed a catch
16 record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab and who
17 have not reported for the previous license year to complete a report
18 and pay the assessed administrative penalty before a new catch record
19 card officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab is issued.

20 (a) The total administrative penalty per fisher set by the
21 commission must not exceed twenty-five dollars.

22 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report the
23 rate of fisher compliance with the Puget Sound Dungeness crab catch
24 record card reporting requirement, the administrative penalty imposed
25 for failing to report, and the amount of administrative penalties
26 collected during that year to the appropriate fiscal and policy
27 committees of the senate and house of representatives.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.15.280 and 2005 c 418 s 2 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) A person is guilty of violating rules requiring reporting of
31 fish or wildlife harvest if the person:

32 (a) Fails to make a harvest log report of a commercial fish or
33 shellfish catch in violation of any rule of the commission or the
34 director;

35 (b) Fails to maintain a trapper's report or taxidermist ledger in
36 violation of any rule of the commission or the director;

1 (c) Fails to submit any portion of a big game animal for a required
2 inspection required by rule of the commission or the director; or

3 (d) Fails to return a catch record card to the department as
4 required by rule of the commission or director, except for catch record
5 cards officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab.

6 (2) Violating rules requiring reporting of fish or wildlife harvest
7 is a misdemeanor.

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