
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6676

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By Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Hatfield)

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1 AN ACT Relating to changes in vessel designations on Dungeness
2 crab-coastal fishery licenses; and amending RCW 77.70.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.350 and 2006 c 159 s 1 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:

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

9 (i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which
10 exceeds ninety-nine feet; or

11 (ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel
12 proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length designated on the
13 license on June 7, 2006, by more than ten feet. However, if such
14 vessel designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the
15 applicable vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel
16 designation on the license prior to June 7, 2006;

17 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is
18 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the
19 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel

1 designation no more than once in any (~~two consecutive Washington state~~
2 ~~coastal crab seasons~~) one year period, measured from September 15th to
3 September 15th of the following year, unless the currently designated
4 vessel is lost or in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in
5 which case the department may allow a change in vessel designation;

6 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated
7 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the designated
8 vessel on June 7, 2006, the department may change the vessel
9 designation no more than once on or after June 7, 2006, unless a
10 request is made by the license holder during a Washington state coastal
11 crab season for an emergency change in vessel designation. If such an
12 emergency request is made, the director may allow a temporary change in
13 designation to another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel
14 does not exceed by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently
15 designated vessel.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the
17 length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by marine survey or by
18 manufacturer's specifications.

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

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