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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6127

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By Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Van De Wege)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the management of the state's  
2 halibut fishery; and amending RCW 77.32.430.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.430 and 2011 c 339 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Catch record card information is necessary for proper  
7 management of the state's food fish and game fish species and  
8 shellfish resources. Catch record card administration shall be under  
9 rules adopted by the commission. Except as provided in this section,  
10 there is no charge for an initial catch record card. Each subsequent  
11 or duplicate catch record card costs eleven dollars.

12 (2) A license to take and possess Dungeness crab is only valid in  
13 Puget Sound waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line if the fisher has  
14 in possession a valid catch record card officially endorsed for  
15 Dungeness crab. The endorsement shall cost no more than seven dollars  
16 and fifty cents when purchased for a personal use saltwater,  
17 combination, or shellfish and seaweed license. The endorsement shall  
18 cost no more than three dollars when purchased for a temporary  
19 combination fishing license authorized under RCW 77.32.470(3)(a).

20 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term  
21 charter stamp licenses are neither subject to the ten-dollar charge

1 nor to the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for in this  
2 section. Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary short-term  
3 charter stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch record  
4 card issued before fishing commences. Catch record cards issued with  
5 a temporary short-term charter stamp are valid for one day.

6 (4) A catch record card for halibut is five dollars.

7 (5) The department shall include provisions for recording marked  
8 and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31,  
9 2004.

10 ~~((+5+))~~ (6)(a) The funds received from the sale of catch record  
11 cards, catch card penalty fees, and the Dungeness crab endorsement  
12 must be deposited into the state wildlife account created in RCW  
13 77.12.170.

14 (i)(A) One dollar of the funds received from the sale of each  
15 Dungeness crab endorsement must be used for the removal and disposal  
16 of derelict shellfish gear either directly by the department or under  
17 contract with a third party. The department is required to maintain a  
18 separate accounting of these funds and provide an annual report to  
19 the commission and the legislature by January 1st of every year.

20 (B) The remaining portion of the funds received from the sale of  
21 each Dungeness crab endorsement must be used for education, sampling,  
22 monitoring, and management of catch associated with the Dungeness  
23 crab recreational fisheries.

24 (ii) Funds received from the sale of halibut catch record cards  
25 must be used for monitoring and management of recreational halibut  
26 fisheries, including expanding opportunities for recreational  
27 anglers.

28 (b) Moneys allocated under this section shall supplement and not  
29 supplant other federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness  
30 crab recreational fisheries management.

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