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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a Puget Sound nonspot shrimp pot
2 fishery license; amending RCW 77.70.005, 77.70.410, 77.70.420, and
3 77.65.220; and adding a new section to chapter 77.70 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.70.005 and 2011 c 147 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter and
8 related rules adopted by the department unless the context clearly
9 requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Deliver" or "delivery" means arrival at a place or port, and
11 includes arrivals from offshore waters to waters within the state and
12 arrivals ashore from offshore waters.

13 (2) "Nonspot shrimp" means a species complex composed of the
14 following species of pandalid shrimp including Dock shrimp (*Pandalus*
15 *danae*), coonstripe shrimp (*Pandalus hypsinotus*), humpy shrimp
16 (*Pandalus goniurus*), ocean pink shrimp (*Pandalus jordani*), pink
17 shrimp (*Pandalus eous*), and side stripe shrimp
18 (*Pandalus (Pandalopsis) dispar*).

19 (3) "Pacific sardine" and "pilchard" means the species *Sardinops*
20 *sagax*.

21 ((+3)) (4) "Spot shrimp" means the species *Pandalus platyceros*.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.70.410 and 2001 c 105 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery is a limited entry fishery
4 and a person shall not fish for shrimp or nonspot shrimp taken from
5 Puget Sound for commercial purposes with shrimp pot gear except under
6 the provisions of a shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license issued
7 under RCW 77.65.220.

8 (2) A shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license shall only be issued
9 to a natural person who held a shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license
10 during the previous year, except upon the death of the licensee the
11 license shall be treated as analogous to personal property for
12 purposes of inheritance and intestacy.

13 (3) No more than two shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery licenses may
14 be owned by a licensee. The licensee must transfer the second license
15 into the licensee's name, and designate on the second license the
16 same vessel as is designated on the first license at the time of the
17 transfer. Licensees who hold two shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery
18 licenses may not transfer one of the two licenses for a (~~twelve-~~
19 ~~month~~) 12-month period beginning on the date the second license is
20 transferred to the licensee, but the licensee may transfer both
21 licenses to another natural person. The nontransferability provisions
22 of this subsection start anew for the receiver of the two licenses.
23 Licensees who hold two shrimp pot-Puget sound fishery licenses may
24 fish one and one-half times the maximum number of pots allowed for
25 Puget Sound shrimp, and may retain and land one and one-half times
26 the maximum catch limits established for Puget Sound shrimp taken
27 with shellfish pot gear.

28 (4) Through December 31, 2001, shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery
29 licenses are transferable only to a current shrimp pot-Puget Sound
30 fishery licensee, or upon death of the licensee. Beginning January 1,
31 2002, shrimp pot-Puget Sound commercial fishery licenses are
32 transferable, except holders of two shrimp pot-Puget Sound licenses
33 are subject to nontransferability provisions as provided for in this
34 section.

35 (5) Through December 31, 2001, a shrimp pot-Puget Sound licensee
36 may designate any natural person as the alternate operator for the
37 license. Beginning January 1, 2002, a shrimp pot-Puget Sound licensee
38 may designate only an immediate family member, as defined in RCW
39 77.12.047, as the alternate operator. A licensee with a bona fide
40 medical emergency may designate a person other than an immediate

1 family member as the alternate operator for a period not to exceed
2 two years, provided the licensee documents the medical emergency with
3 letters from two medical doctors describing the illness or condition
4 that prevents the licensee from participating in the fishery. The
5 two-year period may be extended by the director upon recommendation
6 of a department-appointed Puget Sound shrimp advisory board. If the
7 licensee has no immediate family member who is capable of operating
8 the license, the licensee may make a request to the Puget Sound
9 shrimp advisory board to designate an alternate operator who is not
10 an immediate family member, and upon recommendation of the Puget
11 Sound shrimp advisory board, the director may allow designation of an
12 alternate operator who is not an immediate family member.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.70.420 and 2001 c 105 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery is a limited entry
16 fishery and a person shall not fish for shrimp taken from Puget Sound
17 for commercial purposes with shrimp trawl gear except under the
18 provisions of a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license issued under
19 RCW 77.65.220.

20 (2) A shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license shall only be
21 issued to a natural person who held a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound
22 fishery license during the previous licensing year, except upon the
23 death of the licensee the license shall be treated as analogous to
24 personal property for purposes of inheritance and intestacy.

25 (3) No more than one shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license may
26 be owned by a licensee.

27 (4) Through December 31, 2001, shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery
28 licenses are nontransferable, except upon death of the licensee.
29 Beginning January 1, 2002, shrimp trawl-Puget Sound licenses are
30 transferable.

31 (5) Through December 31, 2001, a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound
32 licensee may designate any natural person as the alternate operator
33 for the license. (~~Beginning January 1, 2002, a shrimp trawl-Puget~~
34 ~~Sound licensee may designate only an immediate family member, as~~
35 ~~defined in RCW 77.12.047, as the alternate operator. A licensee with~~
36 ~~a bona fide medical emergency may designate a person other than an~~
37 ~~immediate family member as the alternate operator for a period not to~~
38 ~~exceed two years, provided the licensee documents the medical~~
39 ~~emergency with letters from two medical doctors describing the~~

1 ~~illness or condition that prevents the immediate family member from~~
2 ~~participating in the fishery. The two-year period may be extended by~~
3 ~~the director upon recommendation of a department-appointed Puget~~
4 ~~Sound shrimp advisory board. If the licensee has no immediate family~~
5 ~~member who is capable of operating the license, the licensee may make~~
6 ~~a request to the Puget Sound shrimp advisory board to designate an~~
7 ~~alternate operator who is not an immediate family member, and upon~~
8 ~~recommendation of the Puget Sound shrimp advisory board, the director~~
9 ~~may allow designation of an alternate operator who is not an~~
10 ~~immediate family member.))~~

11 (6) A holder of a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license issued
12 under RCW 77.65.220 may harvest members of the nonspot shrimp species
13 within the waters of Puget Sound.

14 (7) No more than one shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license or
15 nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license may be owned by a
16 licensee.

17 (8) The combined number of shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery
18 licenses and nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery licenses issued
19 under RCW 77.65.220 is limited to five licenses in total.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 77.70
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) The nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery is a limited entry
23 fishery and a person may not fish for nonspot shrimp for commercial
24 purposes with nonspot shrimp pot gear except under the provisions of
25 a nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound shrimp fishery license issued under
26 RCW 77.65.220.

27 (2) A nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license may
28 designate any natural person as the alternate operator for the
29 license.

30 (3) A holder of a nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license
31 issued under RCW 77.65.220 may harvest members of the nonspot shrimp
32 species within the waters of Puget Sound.

33 (4) The combined number of shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery
34 licenses and nonpot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery licenses issued
35 under RCW 77.65.220 is limited to five licenses in total.

36 (5) A nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license may only be
37 issued to a natural person who held a nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound
38 fishery license or a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license issued
39 during the previous licensing year, except upon the death of the

1 licensee the license must be treated as analogous to personal
2 property for purposes of inheritance and intestacy.

3 (6) No more than one shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license or
4 nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license may be owned by a
5 licensee.

6 (7) A shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license may be converted
7 to a limited entry nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license by
8 any holder of a shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license. A shrimp
9 trawl-Puget Sound fishery license that is converted to a limited
10 entry nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license is permanently
11 retired as a shrimp trawl license.

12 (8) A converted limited entry nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound
13 fishery license may only fish on nonspot shrimp resources previously
14 allocated to shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery license holders. If all
15 shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery licenses convert to nonspot shrimp
16 pot-Puget Sound fishery licenses, the department shall work with
17 stakeholders to review the allocation of the commercial nonspot
18 shrimp resources and develop recommendations for future allocations.

19 (9) Nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license holders
20 reserve the right to cooperatively modify and design gear with the
21 department via a director's issued permit to efficiently and
22 economically harvest *Pandalus eous*, *Pandalus jordani*, and *Pandalus*
23 *dispar*. The process to modify and design gear is intended to develop
24 the fishery to ensure a means to harvest all nonspot shrimp species
25 for these license holders.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.65.220 and 2018 c 235 s 7 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) This section establishes commercial fishery licenses required
29 for shellfish fisheries and the annual fees for those licenses. The
30 director may issue a limited entry commercial fishery license only to
31 a person who meets the qualifications established in applicable
32 governing sections of this title.

Fishery (Governing section(s))	Annual Fee		Application Fee	Vessel Required?	Limited Entry?
	Resident	Nonresident			
(a) Burrowing shrimp	\$235	\$620	\$105	Yes	No
(b) Crab ring net- Puget Sound	\$180	\$565	\$ 70	Yes	No

1	(c) Dungeness crab-coastal (RCW	\$345	\$730	\$105	Yes	Yes
2	77.70.280)					
3	(d) Dungeness crab-	\$180	\$565	\$105	Yes	Yes
4	Puget Sound					
5	(RCW 77.70.110)					
6	(e) Emerging commercial fishery	\$335	\$720	\$105	Determined	Determined
7	(RCW 77.70.160 and				by rule	by rule
8	77.65.400)					
9	(f) Geoduck (RCW	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 70	Yes	Yes
10	77.70.220)					
11	(g) Hardshell clam	\$580	\$965	\$ 70	Yes	No
12	mechanical					
13	harvester					
14	(RCW 77.65.250)					
15	(h) <u>Nonspot shrimp</u>	<u>\$335</u>	<u>\$720</u>	<u>\$105</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
16	<u>pot-Puget Sound</u>					
17	<u>(section 4 of</u>					
18	<u>this act)</u>					
19	(i) Oyster reserve	\$180	\$565	\$ 70	No	No
20	(RCW 77.65.260)					
21	((#)) (j) Razor clam	\$180	\$565	\$105	No	No
22	((#)) (k) Sea cucumber dive	\$280	\$665	\$105	Yes	Yes
23	(RCW 77.70.190)					
24	((#)) (l) Sea urchin dive	\$280	\$665	\$105	Yes	Yes
25	(RCW 77.70.150)					
26	((#)) (m) Shellfish dive	\$180	\$565	\$ 70	Yes	No
27	((#)) (n) Shellfish pot	\$180	\$565	\$ 70	Yes	No
28	((#)) (o) Shrimp pot-	\$335	\$720	\$105	Yes	Yes
29	Puget Sound					
30	(RCW 77.70.410)					
31	((#)) (p) Shrimp trawl-	\$335	\$720	\$105	Yes	Yes
32	Puget Sound					
33	(RCW 77.70.420)					
34	((#)) (q) Spot shrimp-coastal	\$335	\$720	\$ 70	Yes	Yes
35	((#)) (r) Squid	\$335	\$720	\$ 70	Yes	No

1 (2) The director may by rule determine the species of shellfish
2 that may be taken with the commercial fishery licenses established in
3 this section, the gear that may be used with the licenses, and the
4 areas or waters in which the licenses may be used. Where a fishery
5 license has been established for a particular species, gear,
6 geographical area, or combination thereof, a more general fishery
7 license may not be used to take shellfish in that fishery.

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