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1 AN ACT Relating to coastal crab fishing licenses; and amending RCW
2 75.30.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.30.350 and 1994 c 260 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Effective January 1, 1995, it is unlawful to fish for coastal
7 crab in Washington state waters without a Dungeness crab~~coastal~~ or a
8 Dungeness crab~~coastal~~ class B fishery license. Gear used must consist
9 of one buoy attached to each crab pot. Each crab pot must be fished
10 individually.

11 (2) A Dungeness crab~~coastal~~ fishery license is transferable. Such
12 a license shall only be issued to a person who proved active historical
13 participation in the coastal crab fishery by having designated((~~7~~)) for
14 any period of time after December 31, 1993, a vessel on the qualifying
15 license that meets the following criteria:

16 (a) Made a minimum of eight coastal crab landings totaling a
17 minimum of five thousand pounds per season in at least two of the four
18 qualifying seasons identified in subsection (4) of this section, as
19 documented by valid Washington state shellfish receiving tickets; and

1 showed historical and continuous participation in the coastal crab
2 fishery by having held one of the following licenses or their
3 equivalents each calendar year beginning 1990 through 1993, and was
4 designated on the qualifying license of the person who held one of the
5 following licenses in 1994:

6 (i) Crab pot«Non-Puget Sound license, issued under RCW
7 75.28.130(1)(b);

8 (ii) Nonsalmon delivery license, issued under RCW 75.28.125;

9 (iii) Salmon troll license, issued under RCW 75.28.110;

10 (iv) Salmon delivery license, issued under RCW 75.28.113;

11 (v) Food fish trawl license, issued under RCW 75.28.120; or

12 (vi) Shrimp trawl license, issued under RCW 75.28.130; or

13 (b) Made a minimum of four landings of coastal crab totaling two
14 thousand pounds during the period from December 1, 1991, to March 20,
15 1992, and made a minimum of eight crab landings totaling a minimum of
16 five thousand pounds of coastal crab during each of the following
17 periods: December 1, 1991, to September 15, 1992; December 1, 1992, to
18 September 15, 1993; and December 1, 1993, to September 15, 1994. For
19 landings made after December 31, 1993, the vessel shall have been
20 designated on the qualifying license of the person making the landings.

21 (3) A Dungeness crab«coastal class B fishery license is not
22 transferable. Such a license shall be issued to persons who do not
23 meet the qualification criteria for a Dungeness crab«coastal fishery
24 license, if the person has designated on a qualifying license after
25 December 31, 1993, a vessel that made a minimum of four landings
26 totaling a minimum of two thousand pounds of coastal crab, documented
27 by valid Washington state shellfish receiving tickets, during at least
28 one of the four qualifying seasons, and if the person has participated
29 continuously in the coastal crab fishery by having held or by having
30 owned a vessel that held one or more of the licenses listed in
31 subsection (2) of this section in each calendar year subsequent to the
32 qualifying season in which qualifying landings were made through 1994.
33 Dungeness crab«coastal class B fishery licenses cease to exist after
34 December 31, 1999, and the continuing license provisions of RCW
35 34.05.422(3) are not applicable.

36 (4) The four qualifying seasons for purposes of this section are:

37 (a) December 1, 1988, through September 15, 1989;

38 (b) December 1, 1989, through September 15, 1990;

39 (c) December 1, 1990, through September 15, 1991; and

1 (d) December 1, 1991, through September 15, 1992.

2 (5) For purposes of this section and RCW 75.30.420, "coastal crab"
3 means Dungeness crab (cancer magister) taken in all Washington
4 territorial and offshore waters south of the United States-Canada
5 boundary and west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line (a line from the western
6 end of Cape Flattery to Tatoosh Island lighthouse, then to the buoy
7 adjacent to Duntz Rock, then in a straight line to Bonilla Point of
8 Vancouver island), Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and the Columbia river.

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