RCW 77.65.220 Commercial fishery licenses for shellfish fisheries—Fees—Rules for species, gear, and areas. (1) This section establishes commercial fishery licenses required for shellfish fisheries and the annual fees for those licenses. The director may issue a limited entry commercial fishery license only to a person who meets the qualifications established in applicable 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
(c) Dungeness crab-coastal (RCW 77.70.280)	$345	$730	$105	Yes	Yes
(d) Dungeness crab-Puget Sound (RCW 77.70.110)	$180	$565	$105	Yes	Yes
(e) Emerging commercial fishery (RCW 77.70.160 and 77.65.400)	$335	$720	$105	Determined by rule	Determined by rule
(f) Geoduck (RCW 77.70.220)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 70	Yes	Yes
(g) Hardshell clam mechanical harvester (RCW 77.65.250)	$580	$965	$ 70	Yes	No
(h) Nonspot shrimp pot-Puget Sound (RCW 77.70.425)	$335	$720	$105	Yes	Yes
(i) Oyster reserve (RCW 77.65.260)	$180	$565	$ 70	No	No
(j) Razor clam	$180	$565	$105	No	No
(k) Sea cucumber dive (RCW 77.70.190)	$280	$665	$105	Yes	Yes
(l) Sea urchin dive (RCW 77.70.150)	$280	$665	$105	Yes	Yes
(m) Shellfish dive	$180	$565	$ 70	Yes	No
(n) Shellfish pot	$180	$565	$ 70	Yes	No
(o) Shrimp pot-Puget Sound (RCW 77.70.410)	$335	$720	$105	Yes	Yes
(p) Shrimp trawl-Puget Sound (RCW 77.70.420)	$335	$720	$105	Yes	Yes
(q) Spot shrimp-coastal	$335	$720	$ 70	Yes	Yes
(r) Squid	$335	$720	$ 70	Yes	No

(2) The director may by rule determine the species of shellfish that may be taken with the commercial fishery licenses established in this section, the gear that may be used with the licenses, and the areas or waters in which the licenses may be used. Where a fishery license has been established for a particular species, gear, geographical area, or combination thereof, a more general fishery license may not be used to take shellfish in that fishery. [2025 c 118 s 5; 2018 c 235 s 7; 2017 3rd sp.s. c 8 s 27. Prior: 2011 c 339 s 24; 2011 c 147 s 4; 2000 c 107 s 43; 1999 c 239 s 2; 1994 c 260 s 14; 1993 sp.s. c 17 s 40; (1993 c 340 s 17 repealed by 1993 sp.s. c 17 s 47); 1989 c 316 s 8; 1983 1st ex.s. c 46 s 120; 1977 ex.s. c 327 s 6; 1971 ex.s. c 283 s 7; 1965 ex.s. c 73 s 4; 1959 c 309 s 12; 1955 c 12 s 75.28.130; prior: 1951 c 271 s 11; 1949 c 112 s 69(3); Rem. Supp. 1949 s 5780-507(3). Formerly RCW 75.28.130.]

Effective date—2018 c 235: See note following RCW 77.65.150.

Finding—Intent—Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 8: See notes following RCW 77.08.010.

Effective date—2011 c 339: See note following RCW 43.84.092.

Finding—Purpose—Intent—1999 c 239: "The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to convert the Puget Sound shrimp fishery from the status of an emerging fishery to that of a limited entry fishery. The purpose of this act is to initiate this conversion, recognizing that additional details associated with the shrimp fishery limited entry program will need to be developed. The legislature intends to complete the development of the laws associated with this limited entry fishery program during the next regular legislative session and will consider recommendations from the industry and the department during this program." [1999 c 239 s 1.]

Finding—Severability—1994 c 260: See notes following RCW 77.70.280.

Effective date—1994 c 260 ss 1-5, 9-19, and 21-24: See note following RCW 77.70.280.

Contingent effective date—1993 sp.s. c 17 ss 34-47: See note following RCW 77.65.020.

Finding—Contingent effective date—Severability—1993 sp.s. c 17: See notes following RCW 77.32.520.

Severability—Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 327: See notes following RCW 77.65.150.

Effective dates—1971 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 77.65.170.

Dungeness crab-Puget Sound fishery license endorsement: RCW 77.70.110.