

**Introduced by Senator Wiggins**

February 22, 2008

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An act to repeal and add Section 8276.3 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to Dungeness crab.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1690, as introduced, Wiggins. Dungeness crab.

Existing law prescribes the opening and closing dates of the Dungeness crab fishery season by district, and permits the Director of Fish and Game until April 1, 2010, to delay the opening of the fishery with respect to certain districts based on scheduled quality tests commencing on or about November of each year. Existing law also prohibits a vessel from the taking of crab during any closure.

This bill would repeal the prohibition on the taking of crab during a closure, and would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would direct representatives of the Dungeness crab industry to develop a long-term management program for the Dungeness crab fishery to be submitted to the Fish and Game Commission for approval.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8276.3 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 repealed.
- 3 ~~8276.3. (a) If there is any delay ordered by the director~~
- 4 ~~pursuant to Section 8276.2 in the opening of the Dungeness crab~~

1 fishery in Districts ~~6, 7, 8, and 9~~, a vessel may not take or land  
2 crab within Districts ~~6, 7, 8, and 9~~ during any closure.

3 (b) ~~If there is any delay in the opening of the Dungeness crab~~  
4 ~~season pursuant to Section 8276.2, the opening date in Districts~~  
5 ~~6, 7, 8, and 9 shall be preceded by a 36-hour gear setting period,~~  
6 ~~as ordered by the director.~~

7 (e) ~~This section shall become inoperative on April 1, 2010, and,~~  
8 ~~as of January 1, 2011, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute~~  
9 ~~that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends the dates~~  
10 ~~on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.~~

11 SEC. 2. Section 8276.3 is added to the Fish and Game Code,  
12 to read:

13 8276.3. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation  
14 directing representatives of the Dungeness crab industry to develop  
15 a plan for the long-term management of the Dungeness crab fishery,  
16 consistent with the purposes described in Section 35650 of the  
17 Public Resources Code, to be submitted to the commission for  
18 approval.