

Senate Bill 922

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Oregon Salmon Commission)

SUMMARY

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Eliminates lottery system for permits in ocean troll salmon fishery. Modifies certain provisions related to transfer of vessel permits in ocean troll salmon fishery.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the ocean troll salmon fishery; creating new provisions; amending ORS 508.804, 508.819
3 and 508.822; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 508.804 is amended to read:

6 508.804. [*Except as provided in ORS 508.819,*] No new vessel permits shall be issued **in the**
7 **ocean troll salmon fishery after the effective date of this 2011 Act.**

8 **SECTION 2.** ORS 508.819 is amended to read:

9 508.819. [(1)(a) *Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if the number of per-*
10 *mits renewed under ORS 508.807 falls below 1,000, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall*
11 *issue permits by a lottery system for vessels that do not meet the requirements of ORS 508.807. How-*
12 *ever, the number of permits issued pursuant to any such lottery system may not increase the number*
13 *of permits issued to a total number greater than 1,000.]*

14 [(b) *In issuing permits under the lottery system, the department shall issue permits for vessels*
15 *based on the following categories:]*

16 [(A) *Vessels less than or equal to 30 feet;]*

17 [(B) *Vessels greater than 30 feet and less than or equal to 42 feet; or]*

18 [(C) *Vessels greater than 42 feet.]*

19 [(c) *When a vessel in one category does not renew its permit, only another vessel in the same cat-*
20 *egory, or a vessel in a category for vessels of a smaller size, may qualify for the permit.]*

21 [(d) *When the department holds a lottery under this section, the following fees shall be charged for*
22 *each vessel permit that the department issues as a result of the lottery:]*

23 [(A) *For vessels less than or equal to 30 feet, \$250.]*

24 [(B) *For vessels greater than 30 feet and less than or equal to 42 feet, \$500.]*

25 [(C) *For vessels greater than 42 feet, \$750.]*

26 [(2) *The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may, in its discretion, suspend the lottery for up to*
27 *two years. Suspension shall be based on the commission's assessment of the condition of the resource*
28 *and shall account for the recommendations of the Troll Salmon Permit Review Board.]*

29 [(3)] The **State Department of Fish and Wildlife** shall consider a permit transferred to, pur-
30 chased by or otherwise held by the federal government as a permit renewed under ORS 508.807.
31 [A permit transferred to, purchased by or otherwise held by the federal government is a permit under

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1 *the limit of 1,000 permits established by this section.]*

2 **SECTION 3.** ORS 508.822 is amended to read:

3 508.822. (1) The vessel permit required by ORS 508.801 is transferable:

4 (a) To a replacement vessel of the permit holder.

5 (b) To the purchaser of the vessel when the vessel is sold.

6 (c) Upon request of a permit holder, [*transfer of a permit*] to a replacement vessel owned by an
7 individual other than the permit holder if authorized by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
8 However, any transfer of a permit away from a vessel without the written consent of each person
9 holding a security interest in such vessel is void.

10 (2) Permits may be transferred between vessels where both vessels fall within any one of the
11 following categories:

12 (a) Vessels less than or equal to 30 feet;

13 (b) Vessels greater than 30 feet and less than or equal to 42 feet; or

14 (c) Vessels greater than 42 feet.

15 (3) A permit may be transferred from a vessel that is in one of the categories defined in sub-
16 section (2) of this section to a vessel that is in a different category provided that no vessel permit
17 may be transferred to a vessel more than five feet longer than the vessel from which the permit is
18 being transferred.

19 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section and except for transfer to another vessel
20 owned by the current permit holder, a vessel permit may be transferred to a vessel over 30 feet in
21 length only if, in the calendar year prior to transfer, the vessel from which the permit is being
22 transferred was used in the ocean troll salmon fishery in Oregon, Alaska, Washington or California
23 to take 100 pounds of salmon. The department, by rule, may require proof of vessel ownership prior
24 to the transfer of a permit away from any vessel. This section shall not be effective in the calendar
25 year following a year in which the number of permits issued pursuant to ORS 508.801 is less than
26 [1,000] **500**.

27 (b) A vessel permit may not be transferred more than once in any 12-month period. However,
28 the Commercial Fishery Permit Board may waive the waiting period for additional transfer if the
29 board finds that strict adherence to the waiting period would create undue hardship for the indi-
30 vidual seeking transfer of the permit.

31 (5) Persons requesting the transfer of a permit pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section shall
32 provide to the department copies of documents or state registration for each vessel as proof of the
33 length and ownership.

34 (6) A fee of \$100 shall be charged for each transfer of a vessel permit under this section.

35 **SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 508.819 by section 2 of this 2011 Act do not af-**
36 **fect:**

37 **(a) The validity of any permits issued by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife under**
38 **the provisions of ORS 508.819 prior to the effective date of this 2011 Act; and**

39 **(b) The renewal on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act of a permit issued by the**
40 **State Department of Fish and Wildlife under the provisions of ORS 508.819 prior to the ef-**
41 **fective date of this 2011 Act.**

42 **(2) The amendments to ORS 508.822 by section 3 of this 2011 Act apply to calendar years**
43 **beginning on and after January 1, 2012.**

44 **SECTION 5. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
45 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**

1 **on its passage.**

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