

## CHAPTER 180.

[ S. S. B. 70. ]

## FOOD FISH LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to fisheries; authorizing any Superior Court in the State of Washington to revoke licenses; authorizing the Director of Fisheries to refuse the issuance of licenses; defining offenses and providing penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Any Superior Court of the State of Washington is hereby authorized to revoke, cancel, and demand the surrender of any license to take, handle, process or deal in any food fish or shellfish, held by any person, firm or corporation, if such person, firm or corporation shall have been found guilty after the passage of this act of violating any fisheries law or any rule or regulation made by the Director of Fisheries, if in the opinion of the court such person, firm or corporation is deemed to be a menace to the proper conservation of the fisheries resources of the state.

Courts may revoke licenses for violation.

The Director of Fisheries is hereby authorized to refuse to issue any license for the taking, handling, processing or dealing in any food fish or shellfish to any person, firm or corporation, if such party, or parties, shall have had a previous fisheries license revoked.

Director may refuse license.

The Director of Fisheries is further authorized to refuse to issue such license to any firm or corporation, if in his opinion such firm or corporation has been organized to circumvent the intent of this act: *Provided, however,* That any person, firm or corporation feeling himself, or itself, aggrieved by any ruling of the Director of Fisheries in relation to the issuance or reissuance of a fisheries license, shall have the right of appeal from such ruling to the Superior Court of Thurston County; and upon such appeal being taken, the same shall be set for hearing and heard

Extends to corporations.

Right of appeal.

Venue.

Appeals  
*de novo*.

Order of  
court.

Refusal to  
surrender  
license is  
gross mis-  
demeanor.

Equipment  
subject to  
abatement.

by the judge of said court, *de novo*, without a jury, and at the conclusion of the hearing the judge shall enter an order approving the ruling of the Director of Fisheries in connection therewith, or disapproving of the same, as may to the judge seem necessary for the proper conservation of the fisheries resources of the state.

SEC. 2. Any person, firm or corporation who shall refuse to surrender any license upon demand by any Superior Court, or who shall continue to operate in defiance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and if any such person, firm or corporation continues to take, handle, process or deal in any food fish or shellfish, following the revocation or cancellation of his or their license under the provisions of this act, then any appliance, equipment, or any part thereof so used in the taking, handling, processing, transporting or dealing in said food fish or shellfish is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be subject to abatement as such.

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