

CHAPTER 298.

[H. B. 281.]

REGULATION OF TAKING OF CRABS.

AN ACT regulating the taking of crabs and amending Section 5755, Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 5755 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

Section 5755. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take or have in their possession for the purpose of selling or canning any female crab whatsoever or any male crab measuring less than six and one-quarter inches across its back immediately in front of the points or to take or fish from any of the waters of the state or have in its possession after the same has been taken, for the purpose of selling or canning any crab, during the months of June, July, August and September of each year: *Provided*, That any such person who has a crab in his possession caught during the month of May may retain the same in his possession lawfully until the fifth day of June thereafter: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall prevent the taking of crabs for the consumption of the taker or his family or guests, at all times without a license, and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take or catch any crabs with beam trawl or drag seine: *Provided*, That it shall be unlawful for any person taking crabs for the consumption of himself or his family or guests to take or have in his possession more than twenty-four crabs in any one day: *And provided further*, That any such person taking crabs for the consumption of himself or his family or guests shall be subject to the above restric-

Sec. 2510,
Pierce's
Code.

Taking or
fishing for
crabs during
closed
season un-
lawful.

May take
for family
consump-
tion.

Number
limited.

Restriction
as to sex and
size of crabs.

tions with respect to sex and minimum length of crabs.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, capture or remove from any of the waters of the State of Washington any crab by the use of a spear or other sharp instrument whereby the shell of any crab is broken or penetrated.

Prohibited devices.

Passed the House February 21, 1927.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1927.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 299.

[H. B. 282.]

FOOD AND SHELL FISH—POLLUTION OF WATERS.

AN ACT relating to the preservation, protection and perpetuation of food fishes and shellfish, prohibiting the pollution of waters, defining the duties of certain state officers in connection therewith and amending Section 5734, Remington's Compiled Statutes, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 90, Laws of 1923.

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

SECTION 1. That section 5734 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, as amended by section 7, chapter 90, Laws of 1923, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2490
Pierce's
Code.

Section 5734. It shall be unlawful to cast or pass, to suffer or permit to be cast or passed into any waters of this state, either fresh or salt, any sawdust, planer shavings, wood pulp or other waste, lime, gas, oil, oil products, grease, coculus indicus, or any chemical substance, except coal mine waste or drainage, in quantities sufficient in the judgment of the state fisheries board and the state board of health to injuriously affect, destroy or diminish the growth of the plankton, benthos or algae or the fish and shellfish inhabiting such waters or impair the

Polluting
waters
unlawful.