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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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CHANGES TO THE MAKAH AND QUINAULT SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

Makah SMA

The 2011 State-Makah Coastal Dungeness crab Harvest Management Plan describes that a Special Management Area (SMA) will be in place for the first 30-days that the state season is open in the area between Destruction Island and the U.S. Canadian border. According to the terms of the plan, **the Makah SMA is scheduled to open to state fishers on February 14, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Fishers that plan to fish in the area are limited to 200 pots and must notify the department in advance of deploying gear.**

The Makah SMA includes the waters between 48°02.15 N. Lat. and 48°19.50 N. Lat. east of a line connecting those points and approximating the 25-fathom line according to the following coordinates:

Northeast Corner	(Tatoosh Island)	
Northwest Corner:	48°19.50 N. Lat.	124°50.45 W. Lon.
Southwest Corner:	48°02.15 N. Lat.	124°50.45 W. Lon.
Southeast Corner:	48°02.15 N. Lat.	124°41.00 W. Lon.

It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 200 pots in the Makah SMA beginning 8:00 A.M. February 14, 2011 until 8:00 A.M. March 16, 2011. Fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the following methods:

- Fax transmission to Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
- Email to Carol Henry at: Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov or
- Telephone call to: Carol Henry at 360-249-4628 ext. 254

Quinault SMA

The coastal Dungeness crab harvest management plan between the state and the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) includes a provision that opens a portion of the QIN Primary Special Management Area (PSMA) and creates a Secondary SMA that will be closed to state fishers.

Effective at 8:00 A.M. on March 22, 2011 the area from Raft River to Split Rock will open to state fishers. Fishers that choose to fish in this area are limited to 200 pots and must notify the department in advance of deploying gear by one of the methods described above.

The Quinault Secondary SMA is closed to fishing for Dungeness crab starting at 8:00 A.M., March 22, 2011 and includes the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between the mouth of the Copalis River (47°08.00) and Split Rock (47°24.50). This area will be closed until further noticed. This SSMA is described by the following coordinates:

Northeast Corner (Split Rock):	47°24.50 N. Lat.	124°20.00 W. Lon.
Northwest Corner:	47°24.50 N. Lat.	124°32.40 W. Lon.
Southwest Corner:	47°08.00 N. Lat.	124°25.50 W. Lon.
Southeast Corner (Copalis River):	47°08.00 N. Lat.	124°11.20 W. Lon.