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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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This notice is intended to remind of the details for the upcoming opening of coastal Dungeness crab fishery between Klipsan Beach and Destruction Island. We also want to clear up some inconsistent information we erroneously included in our November 26th industry notice. Note that the information provide in our December 2, 2014 letter was correct.

- **The state coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery between Klipsan Beach (46°28.00) and Destruction Island will open at 12:01 am, January 3, 2015.**
- **The area between Destruction Island and the U.S. - Canada border will not open prior to January 15, 2015. The harvest management plan with the Quileute Tribe includes a provision to ensure that there are 20 fishable days for Quileute fishers between December 1 and January 15th prior to opening the state fishery north of Destruction Island. Details regarding the opening north of Destruction Island will be provided in a future letter when the specific opening date has been determined.**
- A **64-hour** gear pre-set period will begin at 8:00 am December 31, 2014.
- **Hold inspections** will be conducted starting at noon on January 2, 2015.
- The Quinault **Primary SMA** will include the same boundaries as the 2013-14 season and will be closed to state fishers from 8:00 am January 3, 2015 through April 2, 2015.
- Licenses and vessels designated on those licenses that participate in the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the waters from Point Arena, California, to Klipsan Beach, Washington, (including Willapa Bay) before January 3, 2014 are subject to the **Fair Start Provisions** described below.

Fair Start Provisions:

- **Klipsan Beach (46°28.00) to Oysterville (46°33.00):** Vessels that fish between Point Arena, CA and Klipsan Beach, WA, including Willapa Bay, before the area north of Klipsan Beach opens will be allowed to fish in the area between Klipsan Beach and Oysterville at **8:00 am on January 13, 2015**
- **Oysterville (46°33.00) to U.S. - Canadian Border:** Vessels that participate in the fishery between Point Arena, CA and Klipsan Beach, WA, including Willapa Bay, before the area north of Oysterville opens will be allowed to fish in the area between Oysterville and U.S. - Canadian border at **8:00 am on February 7, 2015**.