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**ODFW INDUSTRY NOTICE TO: COMMERCIAL
DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERS AND PROCESSORS**

**Inseason closure to Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishing
from Cape Blanco south to the Rogue River**

On December 10, 2010, ODFW adopted a temporary rule to close the area from Cape Blanco (42°50' 00" N. Lat.) south to the mouth of the Rogue River (42°25' 00" N. Lat.) until January 15, 2011. The areas north of Cape Blanco to the OR/WA border and from the mouth of the Rogue River south to the CA/OR border remain open.

To maintain the 30 day "fair start" provision for all crab fishermen, those vessels fishing outside of the closed area prior to January 15, 2011 may not fish inside the closed area until February 15, 2011.

Effective immediately, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has adopted a temporary rule to suspend all transfers of Ocean Commercial crab permits until February 15, 2011, except in the event a vessel is unintentionally destroyed. The suspension of permit transfers until February 15, 2011 preserves the intent of the "fair start" provision. ODFW will accept applications to transfer crab vessel permits at any time, but will not authorize the transfer of any Ocean Dungeness crab permits, except when the vessel is unintentionally destroyed, until February 15, 2011.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact Kelly Corbett, 541.867.0300 ext. 244 or Troy Buell 541.867.0300 ext. 225.