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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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This evening WDFW and the Quinault Indian Nation finalized the terms of a Harvest Management Agreement for the 2011-2012 season. The terms of the agreement include decisions on the state season opening in the area north of Klipsan Beach and the Special Management Area (SMA) structure are summarized below. More detailed information will be provided in a follow up letter.

- **The state coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery between Klipsan Beach (46°28.00) and Destruction Island will open at 12:01 am, January 24, 2012.**
 - *The area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border will open consistent with the area between Klipsan Beach and Destruction Island if the required 20 fishable day criteria (in the State/Quileute Agreement) have been met.*
- A **64-hour** gear pre-set period will begin at 8:00 am January 21, 2012.
- **Hold inspections** will be conducted starting at noon on January 23, 2012.
- The Quinault **Primary SMA** will include the same boundary as the 2011-2012 season and will be closed to state fishers from 12:01 am January 24, 2012 through May 31, 2012.
- Vessels 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 24, 2012 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 February 3, 2012**
- **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 28, 2012.**