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**WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE**

**Regarding hold inspections scheduled for January 6, 2017 at 12:00 noon**

A Vessel Hold Inspection Certificate **DATED JANUARY 6, 2017** or later is required for any vessel intending to participate in the state coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery between Klipsan Beach, Washington (46°28.00) and the **Queets River (47°31.70)** when it opens at 9:00 am on January 7, 2017.

***Note that access to vessel hatch covers to allow state inspectors to see into each vessel hold is required before a Hold Inspection Certificate will be issued.***

Vessel Hold Inspections Certificates dated from December 31, 2016 to January 5, 2016 are good only for landing crab caught in the area south of Klipsan Beach, Washington.

Any Washington licensed vessel that has NOT participated in the commercial crab fishery between Point Arena, California and Klipsan Beach, Washington before January 4, 2017 will be entitled to participate in the state coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery between the Washington / Oregon border and the **Queets River, Washington (47°31.70)** when the area north of Klipsan Beach, Washington (46°28.00) opens at 9:00 am on January 7, 2017.

- A 73-hour gear pre-set period began at 8:00 am January 4, 2017.
- **Hold inspections in will be conducted starting at noon on January 6, 2017.**
  - **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon State Police representatives in Astoria and Warrenton will also be available to issue new Hold Inspection Certificates, that will be accepted in Washington. Call Jill Smith at ODFW in Astoria if you have any questions at 503-325-2462.**
- Temporary pot limits in place south of Klipsan Beach will be removed at 8:00 am January 4, 2017.