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**April 26, 2013**

***WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE***

***OPENING OF THE AREA BETWEEN RAFT RIVER AND SPLIT ROCK DELAYED***

WDFW and the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) staff reviewed the current Dungeness crab catch data through mid-April that shows that the catch sharing between the State and QIN is balanced in favor of the state. In our continuing effort to insure that each party has the opportunity to catch its full 50% share within the Quinault U&A, we are modifying our previously announced plans to open the portion of the Quinault SMA that lies between Split Rock and Raft River.

**The area between Split Rock and Raft River area will not open on May 1, 2013. A follow-up notice will be sent once a final decision on the opening date has been determined.**

**The primary Quinault SMA will remain in place.**

**Quinault:**

The Quinault **Primary SMA** (PSMA) includes the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between the mouth of the Copalis River (47°08.00) and Raft River (47°28.00) according to the following coordinates:

- Northeast Corner (Raft River):      47°28.00 N. Lat.      124°20.70 W. Lon.
- Northwest Corner:                    47°28.00 N. Lat.      124°34.00 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.

Note that there are NO changes in the previously announced opening of the Quileute SMA .