

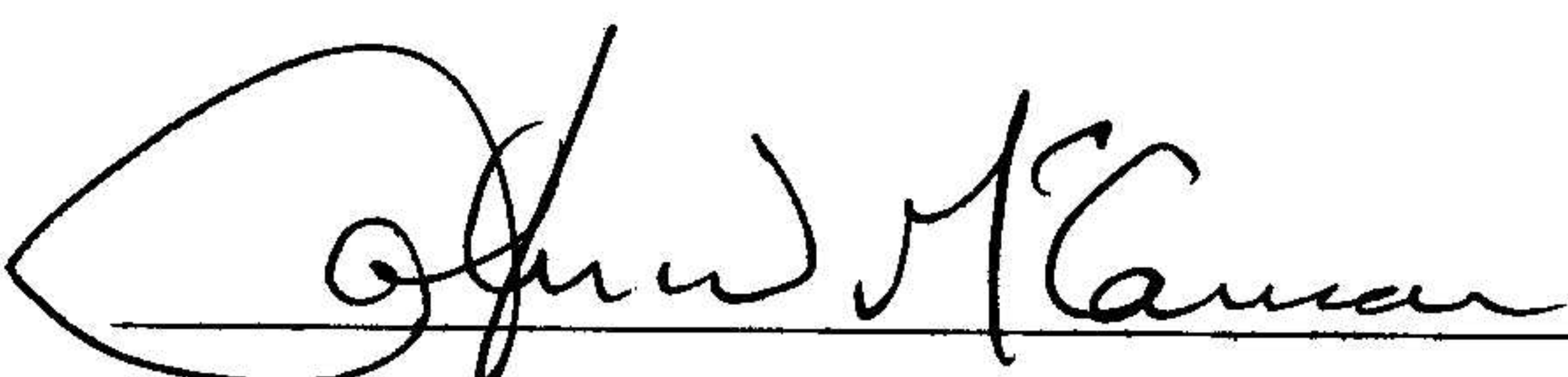
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING MANAGEMENT
OF THE PACIFIC COAST DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY¹**


The Directors of the fishery agencies of California, Oregon, and Washington recognize that a need exists for interstate cooperation in management of the Pacific Coast Dungeness crab fishery in general, and specifically in dealing with adjustments of the fishing season.

Therefore, the Directors of the aforementioned agencies declare it to be their intent to take mutually supportive actions to further the management and maximize the sound economic and biological utilization of the crab resource when appropriately requested by the Director of one of the other three cooperating state agencies.

With regard to the incidence of soft shelled crab at the beginning of the winter season, the Directors endorse the recommendations agreed to by the state agency representatives of the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee and agree to take whatever measures necessary to implement its provisions.

Should any state agency decide that it cannot act within the provisions of this agreement, or is unable to meet its financial obligations under this agreement, the Directors agree to provide at least 30 days advance notice to the remaining parties of the agency's intent.

10/2/07
Date

John McCamman, Acting Director
California Department of Fish and Game

10/18/07
Date

Roy Elicker, Director
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

11/13/07
Date

Jeff Koenings, Director
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

¹ Supersedes the memorandum dated April 1996; last modified August 24, 2007