

2014/15 Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Fair Start Structure

NOTE: Licenses and vessels designated to those licenses that fish (as defined by WAC 220-52-036) in the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery in Area 1 before January 3, 2015 are prohibited from fishing in Areas 2 until January 13, 2015 and are prohibited from fishing in Area 3 and Area 4 until February 7, 2015.

Area 4: Area 4 will not open prior to January 15, 2015. The harvest management plan with the Quileute Tribe includes a provision to ensure that there are 20 fishable days for Quileute fishers between December 1 and January 15 prior to opening the state fishery north of Destruction Island. Details regarding the opening north of Destruction Island will be provided when the specific opening date has been determined.

Please refer to note above

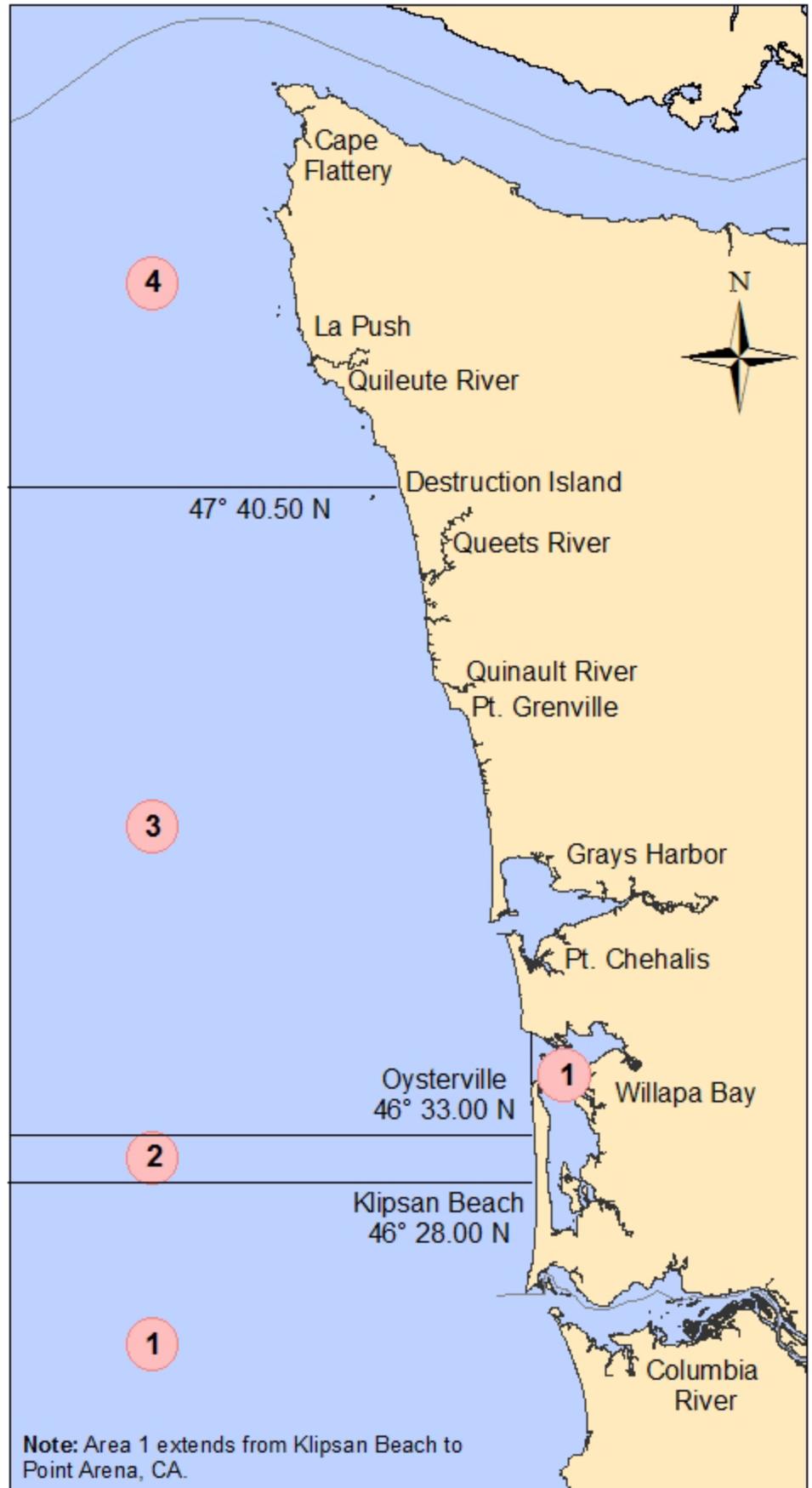
Area 3: Opens on Jan. 3 with gear setting on Dec. 31.

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Area 2: Opens on Jan 3 with gear setting on Dec. 31.

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Area 1: Opens Dec. 1 with gear setting on Nov. 28. A reduced pot limit will be in effect with vessels licensed for 500 pots restricted to 400 pots and vessels licensed for 300 pots restricted to 250 pots until Dec. 31.



WAC 220-52-036 Definition - Commercial crab fishing: "Commercial crab fishing" means any taking, fishing, use, or operation of gear to fish for crab for commercial purposes, and includes the possession of crab on the water for commercial purposes, and the landing or initial delivery of crab for commercial purposes.