

Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishers and Processors WDFW Industry Notice

April 26, 2010

Opening of the Quileute Special Management Area.

The Coastal Dungeness Crab harvest management plan between the state and the Quileute Tribe includes a provision by which the Quileute SMA will be closed to state fishers immediately upon the opening of the state fishery in the area between Destruction Island and U.S. Canadian border and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. on May 1, 2010.

- The Quileute SMA will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M. on May 1, 2010.
- There will be a 100 pot limit in the open area in effect until 8:00 A.M. June 1, 2010.
- In addition, fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:
 - Fax transmission: Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
 - Email: Carol Henry at: Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov or
 - Telephone call to: Carol Henry at 360-249-1296

The Quileute SMA is described as the area from Cape Johnson Destruction Island shoreward of a line approximating 30 fathoms according to the following points:

- Northeast Corner: Cape Johnson: 47°58.00 N - 124°40.40 W
- Northwest Corner: 47°58.00 N. - 124°49.00 W.
- Southwest Corner: 47°40.50 N. - 124°40.00 W.
- Southeast Corner: Destruction Island: 47°40.50 N - 124°24.43 W

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