



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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May 18, 2012

Washington Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Industry Notice

Please note the following:

- The primary Quinault SMA switches to the smaller secondary Quinault SMA on June 1st (as described below).
- The 200 pot limit in the area between Split Rock and Raft River is in effect on June 1st (as described on page 2).
- The 100 pot limit in the Quileute SMA remains in place through May 31st (as described on page 2).

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

Quinault:

The Quinault **primary SMA** remains closed to state fishers through 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2012.

The Quinault **primary SMA** is described as the coastal waters shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between Raft River (47°28.00) and Copalis River (47°08.00) according to the following coordinates:

- Northeast Corner: 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: 47°08.00' N. Lat. 124° 11.20' W. Lon.

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established at 8:00 a.m. on June 1, 2012 to include the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between the mouth of the Copalis River (47°08.00) and Split Rock (47°24.50) according to the following coordinates:

- Northeast Corner (Split Rock): 47°24.50' N. Lat. 124°20.00' W. Lon.
- Northwest Corner: 47°24.50' N. Lat. 124°32.40' 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.



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There is a 200-pot limit in the area between Split Rock (47°24.50) and Raft River (47°28.00) shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve from 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2012, through 8:00 a.m. June 30, 2012. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
- E-mail to Carol Henry at Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Carol Henry at 360-249-1296.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA opened to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM, May 1, 2012.

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

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| • Northeast Corner (Cape Johnson): | 47°58.00' N. Lat | 124°40.40' W. Long. |
| • Northwest Corner: | 47°58.00' N. Lat | 124°49.00' W. Long. |
| • Southwest Corner: | 47°40.50' N. Lat. | 124°40.00' W. Long. |
| • Southeast Corner: (Destruction Island); | 47°40.50' N. Lat. | 124° 24.43 W. Long. |

There is a 100-pot limit in the SMA from May 1, 2012, through May 31, 2012. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

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