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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

April 29, 2019

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Quileute Special Management Area (SMA) and the rest of the Quinault SMA will open to the state commercial crab fishery on May 1, at 8:00 AM. The Quileute SMA will open with a 100-pot limit per the terms of the State-Quileute Harvest Management Plan.

To provide access to more fishing area and help achieve harvest-sharing goals for state fishers in the area co-managed with the Quinault Indian Nation, the area from Point Grenville (47°18.35' N. lat.) to Split Rock (47°24.50' N. lat.) will also open. A 200-pot limit will be in place for the waters shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between Raft River (47°28.00' N. lat.) and Copalis River (47°08.00' N. lat.), which is necessary to reduce the amount of vertical line in the water and reduce the risk of whale entanglements.

Pot limits for both of these areas will be in place until further notice. Fishers must register prior to setting gear in these areas. See below for more information.

Quinault:

Effective 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2019 the entire Primary Quinault SMA is open to Dungeness crab fishing. This area is described as the area from between Raft River and Copalis River shoreward of a line approximating 27 fathoms according to the following points:

- 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.

Also, effective May 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. there is a single 200-pot limit in this entire area - until further notice.

Fishers who have not already done so, must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in either area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1229;
- E-mail to Robert Morgan at Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206

Quileute:

Effective 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2019 the Quileute SMA is open to Dungeness crab fishing. This area is described as the area from Cape Johnson to Destruction Island shoreward of a line approximating 30 fathoms according to the following points:

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

Also, effective May 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. there is a single 100-pot limit in this entire area – until further notice. Fishers who have not already done so, must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in either area by one of the three following methods:

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