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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

Makah Special Management Area Opens to State Fishers

Effective at **8:00 AM March 13, 2025**, the Makah Special Management Area (SMA) will open to state fishers. The Makah SMA is described as the coastal waters between 48° 02.15 N' Lat. to 48° 19.50 N' Lat. east of a line connecting those points approximating the 25-fathom line according to the following coordinates:

- Northeast Corner: Tatoosh Island
- Northwest Corner: 48° 19.50' N. Lat. 124° 50.45' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 48° 02.15' N. Lat. 124° 50.45' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: 48° 02.15' N. Lat. 124° 41.00' W. Lon.

A 200-pot limit will be in effect within the Makah SMA until 8:00 AM April 12, 2025. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area. Fishers can pre-register by one of the following methods:

- Email to Jamie Fuller at Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875

Please note that the following SMA's will remain CLOSED to state fishers until further notice:

Quinault SMA:

The **Quinault primary SMA** will remain closed to state fishers until further notice. 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 (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.

Quileute SMA:

The **Quileute SMA** scheduled to remained closed to state fishers until 8:00 AM May 1, 2025. 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:

- 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.

There will be a 100-pot limit in the SMA from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area.

FAIR START PROVISIONS:

- **Klipsan Beach (46°28.00) to Oysterville (46°33.00):** Opened to all state fishers at **8:00 am on February 21, 2025.**
- **Oysterville (46°33.00) to US/Canada border:** Licenses and vessels designated to those licenses that fish (as defined by WAC 220-340-400) in the fishery between Point Arena, CA and Klipsan Beach, WA, including Willapa Bay, before the area north of Klipsan Beach opens will be allowed to fish in the area between Oysterville and the US/Canada border at **8:00 am on March 18, 2025.**

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- A hold inspection certificate number is required on all fish tickets until **March 18, 2025.**
- **Vessels leaving the fishery must submit a departure report to WDFW before turning off their EM system.** Departure reports must contain vessel name, license number, and departure date. Reports can be sent by email to Coastal.Crab.EM@dfw.wa.gov or by text to Robert Morgan at 360-480-8596.
- Each crab pot must be rigged with line that is marked in two places with 12 inches of red, no more than one fathom from the main buoy and no more than one fathom from the pot. [WAC 220-340-430](#)
- License owners or alternate operators **MUST** register one unique buoy color scheme **annually** using the WDFW online registration form. Buoy registration must be completed before fishing. If you are a new participant in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery, contact Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875 to verify your color scheme is available. To access the registration form visit: <http://qr.codes.pro/jDEArX>. If you do not have a smartphone or are unable to complete the registration, contact Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875 or Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov.

If you have any questions pertaining to this notice, contact Jamie Fuller at Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov or 360-580-0875 or Matt George at Matthew.George@dfw.wa.gov or 360-640-1066