



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

March 13, 2018

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes to the Quinault Special Management Area (SMA). According to the terms of the 2017-18 State-Quinault Dungeness Crab Harvest Management Plan, the Primary SMA will revert to the Secondary SMA at 8:00 am March 22, 2018. This change will open the area from Raft River to Split Rock to state fishers. A 200-pot limit will be in place for the first 30-days this area is open.

Quinault:

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established at 8:00 a.m. on March 22, 2018. The area that remains closed to state fishers includes 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.

There is a 200-pot limit in the area that opens to state fishers 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. on March 22, 2018, through 8:00 a.m. April 22, 2018. 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.

Makah:

We want to remind you that the Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, is open (as of February 25, 2018.)



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There is a 200-pot limit in this area until 8:00 A.M. March 28, 2018 (the first 30-days following the opening of this SMA). Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area. Fishers can pre-register 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.

The Makah SMA is described as the coastal waters between 48⁰02.15 N' Lat. to 48⁰19.50 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: 48⁰19.50' N. Lat. 124⁰50.45' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 48⁰02.15' N. Lat. 124⁰50.45' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: 48⁰02.15' N. Lat. 124⁰41.00' W. Lon.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA remains closed to state fishers. 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): 47⁰58.00' N. Lat. 124⁰40.40' W. Lon.
- Northwest Corner: 47⁰58.00' N. Lat. 124⁰49.00' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 47⁰40.50' N. Lat. 124⁰40.00' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: (Destruction Island): 47⁰40.50' N. Lat. 124⁰24.43' W. Lon.

For more information about this notice, contact Dan Ayres at 360-249-4628 (ext. 209) or Daniel.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov

Note: You can get this same information sent to your email by signing up for the WDFW Coastal Commercial Crab Email list. You can do so by sending an email to:

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