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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

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MAKAH SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA OPENS TO STATE FISHERS

The Makah SMA, in the area described below, will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M., **Sunday** February 25, 2018

There will be a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. March 28, 2018. 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 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.
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Please note that the following SMAs remain CLOSED to state fishers.

Quinault:

The Quinault **primary SMA** is scheduled to 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:

The Quileute SMA is schedule to remain closed to state fishers until 8:00 AM, May 1, 2018.

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, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Fishers will be required to pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area.