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Department of Fish and Wildlife

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**WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE**

March 30, 2021

**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes to the Quinault Special Management Area (SMA). The Primary QIN SMA will revert to the Secondary SMA at 8:00 am April 3, 2021. This change will open the area from Raft River to Split Rock to state fishers. A 300-pot limit will be in place until May 1, 2021 when summer pots limits take effect.

**Quinault:**

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established at 8:00 a.m. on April 3, 2021. 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 300-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 April 3, 2021, through 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2021. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this 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](mailto:Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov); or
- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206.

**Makah:**

We want to remind you that the Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, is open to state fishers.

There will be a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. April 17, 2021. 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:



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- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206.

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.

**Please note that the following SMA remain CLOSED to state fishers.**

**Quileute:**

The Quileute SMA is schedule to remain closed to state fishers until 8:00 AM, May 1, 2021.

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, 2021 through May 31, 2021. Fishers will be required to pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area.

***You can also have your cell phone number added to the new WDFW no-reply text distribution list by sending your cell phone number to [daniel.ayres@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:daniel.ayres@dfw.wa.gov).***