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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

Adjustment of QIN SMA

To support harvest sharing objectives between the State and coastal treaty tribes, State and Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) managers have agreed to modify the northern, southern, and western boundaries of the QIN Special Management Area (SMA), establishing the QIN Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA). Managers will continue to monitor harvest sharing and may implement additional measures as needed throughout the season.

Effective 8:00 A.M., March 21, 2025, the Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) will be established. The QIN SSMA remains closed to State fishers until further notice. The QIN SSMA is defined by 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° 28.50' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 47° 12.25' N. Lat. 124° 19.00' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner (Joe Creek): 47° 12.25' N. Lat. 124° 12.28' W. Lon.

Effective 8:00 AM on March 21, 2025, a portion of the QIN SMA that surrounds the QIN SSMA will open to state fishers. A 100-pot limit per vessel will be in effect within the area described below starting at 8:00 AM on March 21, 2025, until 8:00 AM on April 21, 2025. The portion of the QIN SMA that will open to State fishers is defined by the following coordinates:

- Raft River (East): 47° 28.00' N. Lat. 124° 20.70' W. Lon.
- Raft River (West): 47° 28.00' N. Lat. 124° 34.00' W. Lon.
- Split Rock (East): 47° 24.50' N. Lat. 124° 20.00' W. Lon.
- Split Rock (West): 47° 24.50' N. Lat. 124° 28.50' W. Lon.
- Joe Creek (East): 47° 12.25' N. Lat. 124° 12.28' W. Lon.
- Joe Creek (West): 47° 12.25' N. Lat. 124° 19.00' W. Lon.
- Copalis River (East): 47° 08.00' N. Lat. 124° 11.20' W. Lon.
- Copalis River (West): 47° 08.00' N. Lat. 124° 25.50' W. Lon.

A map indicating the area open to State fishers within the QIN SMA is included at the end of this notice.

Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area by contacting Jamie Fuller at Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov or 360-580-0875.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS (SMA):

Makah SMA

The Makah SMA opened to state fishers on March 13, 2025. State fishers are subject to a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. April 12, 2025. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area by contacting Jamie Fuller at Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov or 360-580-0875.

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.

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.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- **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.
- Beginning May 1 through September 15, it is unlawful to leave Dungeness crab pots deployed in waters of the Pacific Ocean, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, or the Columbia River for **more than 14 consecutive days** without making a Dungeness crab landing.
- Each crab pot must be rigged with line that is marked with 12 inches of continuous red in at least two places. At a minimum, 12 inches of continuous line must be marked in red, no more than one fathom from the main buoy and no more than one fathom from the pot. WAC 220-340-430 (6ii).
- 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.

QUINAULT SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAP
Effective 8:00 AM, March 21, 2025

