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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 between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M. on February 15, 2015.

There will be a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. March 17, 2015 (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 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:

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| • 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. |

Details for the remaining SMAs have not changed since our previous communications. As a reminder those details are listed below.

## **SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:**

### **Quinault:**

The Quinault **primary SMA** closed to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM December 31, 2014. The Quinault **primary SMA** includes 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.

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established on 8:00 am April 3, 2015 to include 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.

This area will remain closed to state fishers until further notice.

There will be 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. April 3, 2015, through 8:00 a.m. May 2, 2015.

### **Quileute:**

The Quileute SMA closed to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM January 12, 2015. The Quileute SMA will open to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM, May 1, 2015.

The Quileute SMA includes 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, 2015, through May 31, 2015. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area.