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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

April 25, 2017

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of upcoming changes to Special Management Areas (SMAs). As specified in the 2016-2017 State-Quileute Harvest Management Agreement, the Quileute SMA will open to state fishermen on May 1, 2016. Additional details relative to this opening are provided below.

According to the terms of the State-Quinault Harvest Management Agreement, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff and Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) staff have been exchanging catch data and discussing the need for inseason action to balance State-Quinault harvest sharing. Catch through early April indicates that the state-tribal harvest sharing is at 54 percent for the state and tribal catch is at 46 percent for the area between Point Chehalis and Destruction Island. In response, WDFW is revising the coordinates of the Quinault SMA to move the southern boundary approximately 5 miles south and moving the northern boundary back to Raft River. This change to the SMA will be in effect at 8:00 AM May 5, 2017. See below for more details.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA opens to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM, May 1, 2017. 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 is a 100-pot limit in the Quileute SMA from May 1, 2017, through May 31, 2017. 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.

Quinault:

Effective at 8:00 AM May 5, 2017 the Quinault SMA is described as the area from Raft River to Hogan's Corner shoreward of a line approximating 27 fathoms according to the following points:

- 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°02.70' N. Lat. 124°24.00' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: 47°02.70' N. Lat. 124°10.00' W. Lon.

For more information about this notice, contact Dan Ayres at 360-249-4628 (ext. 209) or Daniel.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov or Heather Reed at 360-902-2487, Heather.Reed@dfw.wa.gov