



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Region Six • 48 Devonshire Road • Montesano, Washington 98563-9618 • (360) 249-4628 • FAX (360) 664-0689

WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

February 28, 2017

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes to the Quinault Special Management Area (SMA). According to the terms of the 2016-17 State-Quinault Dungeness Crab Harvest Management Plan, the Primary SMA will revert to the Secondary SMA at 8:00 am March 4, 2017. This change will open the area from Raft River to Split Rock to state fishers. A 200-pot limit will be in place for the first 30-days this area is open.

Quinault:

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established at 8:00 a.m. on March 4, 2017. 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 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. on March 4, 2017, through 8:00 a.m. April 3, 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.

Makah:

We want to remind you that the Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, is open (as of February 14, 2017.)



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Region Six • 48 Devonshire Road • Montesano, Washington 98563-9618 • (360) 249-4628 • FAX (360) 664-0689

There is a 200-pot limit in this area until 8:00 A.M. March 16, 2017 (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 48⁰02.15 N' Lat. to 48⁰19.50 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: 48⁰19.50' N. Lat. 124⁰50.45' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 48⁰02.15' N. Lat. 124⁰50.45' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: 48⁰02.15' N. Lat. 124⁰41.00' W. Lon.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA remains closed to state fishers. 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): 47⁰58.00' N. Lat. 124⁰40.40' W. Lon.
- Northwest Corner: 47⁰58.00' N. Lat. 124⁰49.00' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 47⁰40.50' N. Lat. 124⁰40.00' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: (Destruction Island): 47⁰40.50' N. Lat. 124⁰24.43' W. Lon.

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

Note: You can get this same information sent to your email by signing up for the WDFW Coastal Commercial Crab Email list. You can do so by sending an email to:

Daniel.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov