

## Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishers and Processors WDFW Industry Notice

February 12, 2010

### Changes in the Makah Special Management Area and the Quinault Special Management Area.

#### Makah SMA

The Coastal Dungeness Crab harvest management plan between the state and the Makah Tribe includes a provision by which the Makah SMA will be closed to state fishers immediately upon the opening of the state fishery in the area between Destruction Island and U.S. Canadian border and will remain closed for 30-days.

As a result, the Makah SMA will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M. on February 15, 2010. There will be a 200 pot limit in the open area in effect until 8:00 A.M. March 17, 2010. In addition, fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
- Email to Carol Henry at: [Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov](mailto: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°02.15N. to 48°19.50N. 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. – 124°50.45 W.
- Southwest Corner; 48°02.15 N. – 124°50.45 W.
- Southeast Corner, 48°02.15 N. – 124°41.00 W.

#### Quinault SMA

The Coastal Dungeness Crab harvest management plan between the state and the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) includes a provision that opens a portion of the QIN Primary Special Management Area (PSMA) to state fishers and creates a Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) that remains closed to state fishers.

The area from Raft River to Split Rock will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M. on March 1, 2010. There will be a 200 pot limit in this area in effect until 8:00 A.M. March 31, 2010. In addition, fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
- Email to Carol Henry at: [Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov) or
- Telephone call to: Carol Henry at 360-249-1296

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on March 1, 2010, a Quinault secondary SMA (SSMA) will be established 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 QIN SSMA will remain closed to state fishers until further notice.