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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

April 12, 2021

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes to the Quinault Special Management Area (SMA).

As part of our Harvest Management Plan with the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN), state and QIN managers and policy makers evaluate catch throughout the season to determine the need for in-season measures necessary to achieve harvest-sharing goals for both the state and QIN. The most recent data summary shows that harvest sharing is at approximately 60.2 percent Quinault and 39.8 percent State. As a result, at 8:00 am on April 16, the southern boundary of the Quinault Primary SMA will move from Copalis River to Joe Creek. This change will open approximately five additional miles of fishing area to state fishers. To reduce crowding, a 100-pot limit will be in place in the area between Copalis River to Joe Creek out to 27 fathoms until further notice.

State and QIN managers will continue to exchange data and evaluate harvest sharing and will consider the need for additional measures as the season progresses.

Quinault:

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established at 8:00 a.m. on March 4, 2019. 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 Joe Creek (47°12.11) 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°12.11' N. Lat. 124°27.33' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner (Joe Creek): 47°12.11' N. Lat. 124°12.28' W. Lon.

There is a 100-pot limit in the area that opens to state fishers between the Copalis River (47°08.00) and Joe Creek (47°12.11) seaward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve. This pot limits will be in place until further notice.

Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in either area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1229;



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- E-mail to Robert Morgan at Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206

NOTE; There is a 300-pot limit in the area that opened 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 April 3, 2021, 2021, through 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2021. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area using the same methods listed above.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA will open to state fishers at 8 am May 1, 2021. 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 200-pot limit in this area until 8:00 A.M. June 1, 2021 (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 must pre-register by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1229;
- E-mail to Robert Morgan at Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206.

Makah:

We want to remind you that the Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, is open to state fishers

There is a 200-pot limit in this area until 8:00 A.M. April 17, 2021 (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 must pre-register by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1229;
- E-mail to Robert Morgan at Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov; or
- Telephone call to Robert Morgan at 360-249-1206.



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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: 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.

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 directly to you by signing up for the WDFW Coastal Commercial Crab Email list and/or the WDFW Coastal Commercial Crab No-reply Text Message list. You can do so by sending an email to:

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