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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

MAKAH SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA OPENS TO STATE FISHERS

The Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and U.S. Canadian border, will open to state fishers at 8:00 A.M. on February 23, 2013.

There will be a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. March 25, 2013 (the first 30-days). 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°02.15N. 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. Lat. – 124°50.45' W. Long.
- Southwest Corner: 48°02.15' N. Lat. – 124°50.45' W. Long.
- Southeast Corner: 48°02.15' N. Lat. – 124°41.00' W. Long.

Details for the remaining SMAs have not changed since the letter we sent you on January 10, 2013. As a reminder those details are listed below.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

Quinault:

The Quinault **primary SMA** will be closed to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM January 21, 2013. The **primary SMA** is scheduled to remain closed to state fishers until 8:00 am on May 1, 2013.

The Quinault **primary SMA** is described as 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: 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: 47°08.00' N. Lat. – 124°11.20' W. Lon.

A Quinault **secondary SMA** (SSMA) will be established on 8:00 am May 1, 2013 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.

When the area between Split Rock and Raft River opens, state fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area. Specific details regarding SMA openings and pot limits will be made available prior to opening.

Quileute:

The Quileute SMA will be closed to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM January 21, 2013 in the area the from Destruction Island to U.S. Canadian border. The Quileute SMA will open to state fishers beginning at 8:00 AM, May 1, 2013.

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. Long.
- Northwest Corner: 47°58.00' N. Lat - 124°49.00' W. Long.
- Southwest Corner: 47°40.50' N. Lat. - 124°40.00' W. Long.
- Southeast Corner: (Destruction Island); 47°40.50' N. Lat. - 124° 24.43 W. Long.

There will be a 100-pot limit in the SMA from May 1, 2013, through May 31, 2013. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW prior to deploying gear in this area.