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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

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MAKAH SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA OPENS TO STATE FISHERS

The Makah SMA, in the area between Destruction Island and the US Canada Border, is open to state fishers effective today.

There will be a 200-pot limit in the SMA until 8:00 A.M. March 17, 2016 (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.

Details for the remaining tribal SMAs have not changed since our previous communications.