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## WASHINGTON COASTAL COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

April 26, 2018

## **QUILEUTE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGE:**

## **Quileute:**

The Quileute Special Management Area (SMA) opens to state licensed commercial Dungeness crab fishers beginning at 8:00 AM, May 1, 2018. 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 <u>100-pot limit</u> in the Quileute SMA from May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018. 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.

## **Quinault** (no change):

As we informed you in a previous announcement, the Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) <u>remains closed</u> to fishing for Dungeness crab, from 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). <u>This area will be closed until further notice.</u> This SSMA is described by 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.

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