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**WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE**  
**May 3, 2018**

**QUINALT SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CHANGES**

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 inseason measures necessary to achieve harvest-sharing goals for both the state and QIN. Catch data through April shows that harvest sharing continues to hover at approximately 55 percent Quinault and 45 percent State.

As a result, at 8:00 am on May 10, 2018, 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. 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.

See below for complete details on these SMA changes including pot limits and registration requirements.

**Effective at 8:00 A.M., May 10, 2018, the southern boundary of the Secondary SMA will move from Copalis River to Joe Creek.** The resulting area that will be closed to state fishers is the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between the mouth of Joe Creek (47°12.25) and Split Rock (47°24.50) to state fishers. The following coordinates describe the modified boundary of the Primary SMA:

- 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°12.25' N. Lat. 124°27.50' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner (Joe Creek): 47°12.25' N. Lat. 124°12.28' W. Lon.

A 100-pot limit will be in place in the area that opens to state fishers between Copalis River (47°08.00) and Joe Creek (47°12.25) shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve until further notice. Registration with WDFW is required to fish in this newly opened area. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW 24 hours prior to deploying gear 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](mailto:Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov); or
- Telephone call to Carol Henry at 360-249-1296.

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

**Quileute SMA (NO CHANGE):**

The Quileute Special Management Area (SMA) is open to state licensed commercial Dungeness crab fishers. 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 100-pot limit in the Quileute SMA 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](mailto:Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov); or
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