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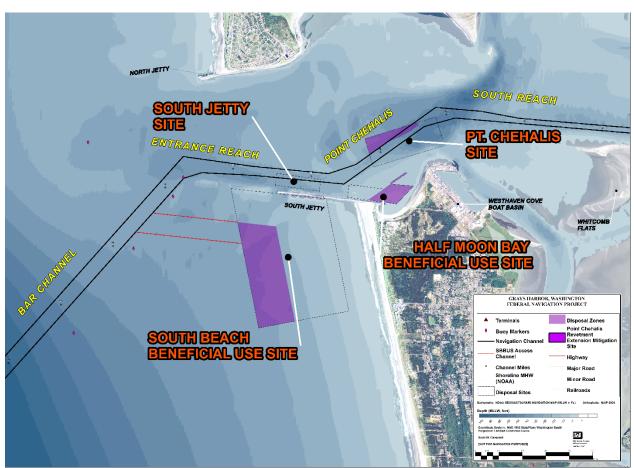
## WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

The ESSAYONS, YAQUINA and one additional contracted hopper (for a total of three hopper dredges or in any combination at any given time in April) are tentatively scheduled to arrive and begin dredging in Grays Harbor on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and continue for approximately six weeks.

There are usually a significant number of crab pots in the South Beach Disposal Site (SBDS) and access lane as well as near channel boundaries and the Half Moon Bay placement site. Drawings of disposal and dredge areas that fishers will need to keep clear of during the dredging are attached.

Please note: All Channel, All disposal target areas AND access lanes will be used by the hopper dredges.

Fishermen and crabbers are encouraged to position themselves and/or their gear at least 300 feet from any channel and disposal area boundary to provide a buffer zone to allow for the gear drifting into the area used by the hopper dredges. Gear that drifts into the navigation channel, access channel, and/or target disposal areas may be damaged or destroyed.





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