

February 13, 2009

**WDFW INDUSTRY NOTICE TO:
COASTAL COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERS AND PROCESSORS**

Information Regarding Commercial Dungeness crab Regulations for the
2008-2009 Season

REMINDER-MAKAH SMA

The Dungeness crab fishery in the Makah SMA will open February 14, 2009.

The Makah SMA is described as the coastal waters between 48°02.15'N. and 48°19.50' N. 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. – 124°50.45' W.
- Southwest Corner; 48°02.15' N. – 124°50.45' W.
- Southeast Corner, 48°02.15' N. – 124°41.00' W.

Effective 8:00 AM February 14, 2009 through 12:00 PM March 16, the Makah SMA will open subject to the following restrictions: a vessel may use, maintain, operate, or control **no more than 200 pots within the Makah SMA.**

Any individual that intends to fish within this SMA during the February 14-March 16, 2009 time period must notify the Department 48 hours in advance of setting any gear. This notice must include the following information: name of person controlling the gear; vessel name; the amount of gear being deployed; and the buoy brand identification data. This notice must be given by one of the following three means:

1. Fax transmission to Brandon Bryant at: 360-664-0689;
2. E-mail to: Brandon.Bryant@dfw.wa.gov; or
3. Telephone call to: Brandon Bryant at 360-249-4628, Extension 229.

Further, if an individual has provided the Department with a notice of intent to set gear and later decides not to deploy gear, a notice to that affect should be given by one of the three means listed above.

As of 12:01 AM on March 16, 2009 the Makah SMA will be open with no limits on the number of crab pots fished.

If you have any questions pertaining to this notice please call Brandon Bryant (360) 249-4628 ext. 229.