

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Please be aware of a change in the coordinate for the southwest corner of the Quinault Special Management Area.

As was the case last season, the Quinault Primary Special Management Area between Raft River and Copalis River shoreward of a line approximating the 27 fathom line will be closed to state fishers at the start of the 2009-10 commercial crab season. **However, the coordinate for the southwest corner has been revised to better reflect the intention of following the 27 fathom depth contour. The coordinate for the southwest corner was previously stated as 47°08.00, 124°24.75, the revised coordinate is 47°08.00, 124° 25.50.** Please be sure to use the following coordinates for the Quinault PSMA, any gear inside the SMA will be in violation of the rules.

Northeast Corner (Raft River):	47°28.00 N. Lat.	124°20.70 W. Lon.
Northwest Corner:	47°28.00 N. Lat.	124°34.00 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.

The coordinates for the Quinault Secondary SMA which will be in place on March 1, 2010 include the revised southwest corner boundary.

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.

Also, please remember that notification to WDFW enforcement is required when transiting crab through closed areas or when transiting crab caught south of Klipsan Beach north of Grays Harbor. Notification must be made 24 hours in advance by calling 360-581-3337 and reporting vessel name, operator name, estimated amount of crab to be delivered in pounds, and estimated date time and location of delivery. The following situations require notification:

- Vessels transiting north of Cape Johnson (47°58.00) with crab caught south of Destruction Island prior to the area north of Destruction Island opening.
- Vessels transiting north of 47°00.00 with crab caught south of Klipsan Beach prior to 8:00 am February 6, 2010.

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