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**WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE**

**Makah Special Management Area Opens to State Fishers**

Effective at **8:00 AM February 14, 2026**, the Makah Special Management Area (SMA) will open to state fishers. The Makah SMA is described as the coastal waters between 48° 02.15' N' Lat. to 48° 19.50' N' Lat. 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. Lat. 124° 50.45' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 48° 02.15' N. Lat. 124° 50.45' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner: 48° 02.15' N. Lat. 124° 41.00' W. Lon.

A 200-pot limit will be in effect within the Makah SMA until 8:00 AM March 16, 2026. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area. Fishers can pre-register by one of the following methods:

- Email to Jamie Fuller at [Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov); or
- Call or text to Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875

**Please note that the following SMA's will remain CLOSED to state fishers until further notice:**

**Quileute SMA:**

The **Quileute SMA** is scheduled to remain closed to state fishers until 8:00 AM May 1, 2026. 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 will be a 100-pot limit in the SMA from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025. Fishers must pre-register with WDFW **twenty-four hours** prior to deploying gear in this area, using the methods described above.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- **Vessels leaving the fishery must submit a departure report to WDFW before turning off their EM system.** Departure reports must contain vessel name, license number, and departure date. Reports can be sent by email to [Coastal.Crab.EM@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Coastal.Crab.EM@dfw.wa.gov) or by text to Robert Morgan at 360-480-8596.

If you have any questions pertaining to this notice, contact Jamie Fuller at [Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov) or 360-580-0875 or Matt George at [Matthew.George@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Matthew.George@dfw.wa.gov) or 360-640-1066