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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC), the third round of Oregon preseason Dungeness crab quality and domoic acid testing was conducted December 15-16<sup>th</sup>. The minimum meat recovery rates required by the Tri-State Protocol are 23% north of Cascade Head (no rounding allowed) and 25% south of Cascade Head (rounded to the nearest integer). All areas re-tested during round 3 met recovery criteria, throughout the Tri-State region (see p.2 for all meat recovery results). All domoic acid results from this round were below action level and are posted on Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) website at <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/CurrentCra">http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/CurrentCra</a> bBiotoxinData.pdf.

Based on all of the preseason test results, and in consultation with ODA and California and Washington fishery managers, we are opening the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season coastwide (OR/WA border to the OR/CA border), which will open as follows:

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 28, 8:00AM Hold Inspections: December 30, see enclosed schedule Start date (pulling gear): December 31, 9:00AM

#### **Vessel Hold Inspections reminders:**

Vessels must obtain a hold inspection prior to participating in the fishery for the first 30 days after opening. The vessel operator or owner must declare on the pre-season hold inspection certificate the zone in which the vessel will start fishing. Each inspection certificate must be signed by the vessel operator or owner, not by a crewman.

We would like to thank everyone involved with preseason meat recovery and domoic acid testing efforts this year to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of good quality and safe to consume.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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## 2019 Preseason Coastal Dungeness crab Test Fishery Results for WA, OR and CA

\* Date is the date the pots were pulled

	Optional Early Round		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
		Meat				Meat		
		Recovery		Meat		Recovery		Meat
Test Area	Date	%	Date	Recovery %	Date	%	Date	Recovery %
Washington								
Northern	no test	no test	11/5/19	no pickout ^	no test	no test	no test	no test
Westport	10/24/19	20.97%	11/7/19	22.6%	12/2/19	23.8%	no test	no test
Long Beach	10/23/19	19.1%	11/6/19	20.4%	12/3/19	21.8%	12/16/19	23.8%
Oregon								
Astoria (50-A)*	no test	no test	11/6/19	20.3%	12/1/19	20.4%	12/16/19	24.2%
Garibaldi (50-B)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.0%	12/1/19	24.6%	no test	no test
Newport North (50-C and 50-D)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.7%	12/1/19	24.5%	no test	no test
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.0%	12/1/19	23.6%	12/16/19	27.1%
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.1%	12/1/19	24.8%	no test	no test
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.6%	12/1/19	23.2%	12/16/19	24.7%
Port Orford (50-K)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	20.8%^	12/2/19	24.2%~	12/16/19	26.2%^
Brookings (50-L)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	22.3%	12/2/19	24.7%~	no test	no test
California								
Crescent City	no test	no test	11/3/19	21.4%	12/3/2019	24.3%	12/17/2019	27.5%
Trinidad	no test	no test	11/3/19	20.2%	12/3/2019	23.4%	12/17/2019	26.3%
Eureka	no test	no test	11/3/19	21.9%	12/3/2019	24.5%	no test	no test
District 10 (not bound by Tri-State)								
Bodega Bay	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test
San Francisco	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test	no test

<sup>\*</sup>Only one test station in each area (18 pots)

<sup>^</sup> Area had less than 300 lbs.

<sup>~ 48</sup> hr soak time

# 2019-20 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening Schedule

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): <u>December 28, 8:00AM</u>
Hold Inspections: <u>December 30, see schedule below</u>
Start date (pulling gear): <u>December 31, 9:00AM</u>

## **Hold Inspection Schedule**

After hours or for other locations: (800) 452-7888 or \*OSP from a cellphone

LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT NUMBER
Columbia River		(503) 325-2231
Deep Sea Basin	12-1 PM	,
Hammond Boat Basin	1-1:30 PM	
Warrenton Boat Basin	2-3 PM	
Astoria West End Basin	3-3:30 PM	
Garibaldi		(503) 842-4433
Boat Basin	11-1 PM	
Pacific City	Call after 12 PM	(503) 842-4433
Depoe Bay	Call after 12 PM	(541) 265-5353
Newport		(541) 265-5353
South Beach Marina	12-1 PM	
Seafood Proc. Docks- Bay Blvd.	12-4 PM	
Port Dock 3, 5 & 7	12-4 PM	
Florence	Call after 12 PM	(541) 997-2211
Winchester Bay		(541) 269-5000
Boat Basin	11:30-12:30	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Charleston		(541) 269-5000
Small Boat Basin	12-1 PM	,
Charleston Boat Basin	1-3 PM	
Hallmark Fisheries	3-4 PM	
Bandon	Call after 12 PM	(541) 269-5000
Port Orford	12-2:30 PM	(541) 247-7050
Brookings	12-4 PM	(541) 247-7050
Boat Basin		
Port Docks		