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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,



In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the commercial crabbing industry, the first round of Oregon preseason Dungeness crab quality and domoic acid testing was conducted coastwide during November 5-16 and results are posted [here](#). The minimum meat recovery rates to be met in each test area are 23% north of Cascade Head and 24% south of Cascade Head (no rounding allowed in any area). In round 1, four Oregon meat recovery areas have not met meat recovery criteria (harvest areas A, B, C and K). Domoic acid results from crab collected in all 12 crab harvest areas are posted on ODA's website [here](#). There are elevated crab viscera results in harvest area K and L at this time.

Based on these results and consultations with ODA, and Washington and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, there was Tri-State agreement to delay the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season in Oregon until at least December 16. This delay will allow completion of additional testing for meat recovery and domoic acid. In the next couple of weeks, we will continue to work closely with the commercial Dungeness crab industry to complete additional testing.

We thank everyone involved with testing this preseason and appreciate upcoming testing efforts to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of excellent quality and safe to consume.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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