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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) conducted a third round of preseason testing in the Long Beach WA area, which resulted in 22.1% meat recovery. Based on this result not meeting Tri-State meat recovery criteria and consultations with Washington and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, there was Tri-State agreement to delay the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season from Cape Falcon northward to Klipsan Beach, WA until at least January 15. This delay will allow completion of one additional optional round of meat recovery testing to help inform the decision to open this area on January 15 or February 1.

Fair start provision reminders:

Fair start provisions will be in place for any delayed areas in the Tri-State area (from Klipsan Beach, WA south to Point Arena, CA). A vessel used for fishing crab in any open zone within these areas may not be used for fishing crab in any other zone within the Tri-State area that opens at a later date until 30 days after the later opening date.

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.

Closed area transit reminders:

Vessels with an activated Vessel Monitoring System or Electronic Monitoring system and registered with ODFW may possess and land Dungeness crab in an area that is otherwise closed to take of Dungeness crab for commercial purposes under certain conditions. Review the full requirements and register for closed area transit [here](#).

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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