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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC), the first and second rounds of Oregon preseason crab testing were completed from late-October through mid-November. During this same time, crab were collected for toxin testing by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and results of those tests will be reported as soon as they are available. The minimum meat recovery rates to be met (or projected to be met) in each test are 23% north of Cascade Head and 25% south of Cascade Head (rounded to the nearest integer). The Astoria test area was not tested during round one since we were unable to secure a boat to conduct the test. The Garibaldi area was tested on 11/13 during round two and results from that test will be available on 11/15. The crab from the Floras Creek and Port Orford test areas were combined in round two of testing so the same meat recovery percentage is reported for both areas. Results from both rounds of testing are as follows:

	Agency	Round 1 Meat Recovery %	Round 2 Meat Recovery %
Northern/Pt.Grenville	WDFW	no test	27.7
Westport/Grayland	WDFW	18.0	19.7
Long Beach/Klipsan	WDFW	20.3	19.5
Astoria	ODFW	no test	16.9
Garibaldi	ODFW	19.5	not available yet
Newport	ODFW	20.3	23.7
Coos Bay	ODFW	24.4	25.3
Floras Creek	ODFW	21.2	22.6
Port Orford	ODFW	19.3	22.6
Brookings	ODFW	17.6	17.8
Crescent City	CDFG	15.5	16.1
Trinidad	CDFG	16.5	no test
Eureka	CDFG	15.5	16.7
Fort Bragg	CDFG	18.4	no test

The ocean commercial Dungeness crab season along the Oregon coast normally opens on Dec. 1, but can be delayed to ensure a high-quality product to consumers and avoid wastage of the resource. The second round of crab quality testing showed the majority of test areas coast wide did not meet minimum preseason test criteria. **Fishery managers in Oregon, Washington and California mutually decided to delay the opening of the commercial crab fishery north of Point Arena California at least through Dec. 15 to allow crab quality to improve.** A third round of crab

quality testing will occur in late November or early December. Once the results are in from round three, fishery managers from all three states will again meet and decide to either open the season on Dec 16, further delay the season, or have a split opener of the season. This information will be distributed to the fleet as soon as it is available.

I would like to thank all of those involved with the Oregon testing: the staff at Hallmark Fisheries in Charleston, Brookings, and Port Orford; staff at Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria and Newport, staff at Fishhawk Fisheries in Astoria; staff at Deepwater Seafoods in Garibaldi; the ODCC, ODFW observers, and the captains and crew of the crabbing vessels that make this possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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