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**TO:** Coastal Dungeness Crab Industry

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**SUBJECT: Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Test Fishing Results**

Washington completed the third round of pre-season testing fishing for coastal Dungeness crab condition. The Long Beach area was tested on December 5, 2005. All crab caught were included in the meat recovery sample. While aboard the charter vessels, WDFW staff collected shell condition data (listed below) using crab that were randomly collected from all depths and stations.

Westport:

	1A	1B	II	III	Meat Recovery
11-1-05	11.3%	33.8%	54.5%	0.4%	<b>22.1%</b>
11-16-05	16.4%	44.4%	39.1%	0.0%	<b>22.1%</b>

Long Beach:

	1A	1B	II	III	Meat Recovery
11-01-05	6.8%	21.5%	71.6%	0.0%	<b>20.1%</b>
11-17-05	17.6%	36.8%	45.6%	0.0%	<b>20.9%</b>
12-05-05	27.1%	37.6%	35.2%	0.1%	<b>22.3%</b>