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To: Dungeness Crab Industry

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Subject: Pre-Season softshell test results (First Round)

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, softshell testing was completed at six sampling locations off Oregon. The meat recovery criteria to open the fishery on December 1 are 25% or higher south of Cascade Head and 23% or higher north of Cascade Head. All legal-sized male crab caught were included in the sample.

Astoria Oct. 20: 21.3%
Garibaldi Oct. 20: 23.1%
Newport Oct. 19: 23.1%
Coos Bay Oct. 19: 23.2%
Port Orford Oct. 19: 27.2%
Brookings Oct. 19: 23.1%

The second round of tests is tentatively scheduled for early November.

## Memorandum

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