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Memorandum:

Date: October 29, 2007

To: Dungeness Crab Industry

From: Mitch Vance

Subject: Preseason test results

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, the first round of preseason crab testing has been completed. 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.

<u>Area</u>	Round 1 Test Date	Recovery
Astoria	Oct. 25	23.17%
Garibaldi	Oct. 24	* 24.11%
Newport	Oct. 23	22.89%
Coos Bay	Oct. 25	24.51%
Port Orford	Oct. 23	23.78%
Brookings	Oct. 23	22.34%

^{*} Due to transportation issues, the crab from Garibaldi were not processed as a single group and the weights cannot be assured to be completely representative of the area. The 24.11% will therefore not be used for season opening decisions.

Samples will be collected for domoic acid during the second round of testing and those results will be reported after laboratory analysis is complete.