



**Oregon**  
Department  
of Agriculture  
635 Capitol Street N.E.  
Salem, OR 97301-2532

November 26, 2008

To: Processors of Oregon Dungeness crabs

From: Vance Bybee  
Administrator  
Food Safety Division  
Oregon Department of Agriculture

Subject: Domoic Acid (DA) and Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) Sampling Results

This letter is to inform you that the Oregon Department of Agriculture analyzed viscera from Oregon Dungeness crabs the week of November 20, 2008. Samples were collected off the coast of: Gold Beach, Newport, Tillamook, and Astoria. Due to the current high levels of Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) in mussels along the entire Oregon coastline, the Department required Dungeness crab to be analyzed for both Domoic Acid (DA) and PSP toxins; considering the high levels of PSP in Oregon mussels, California and Alaskan officials also advised testing crab for PSP. All DA samples were found to be within the acceptable level for crab viscera of 30 parts per million or less. PSP levels were non-detectable in the crab viscera at this time.

Please include this letter with your HACCP plan as verification that crabs harvested from the coast of Oregon are from approved waters. This verification will be valid until further notice. The Oregon Department of Agriculture will monitor biotoxin levels in Oregon waters and conduct further sampling as needed.