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## 2012 Oregon Dungeness Crab Quality Test

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC), the first round of Oregon preseason Dungeness crab quality testing was conducted coastwide, with the exception of the Astoria area, during October 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (results below). The minimum meat recovery rates to be met in each test area or projected to be met 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.

| Area         | Meat Recovery % |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Astoria      | not tested      |
| Garibaldi    | 19.5            |
| Newport      | 20.3            |
| Coos Bay     | 24.4            |
| Floras Creek | 21.2            |
| Port Orford  | 19.3            |
| Brookings    | 17.6            |

We will be working with ODCC and the commercial crab fleet to ensure that the Astoria area is tested in early November along with the second round of testing for the other six test areas. In addition, we will be collecting samples for toxin testing by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Results of all of these tests will be reported as soon as they are available.

I would like to thank all of those involved with the testing; the staff at Hallmark Fisheries in Charleston, Brookings, and Port Orford, staff at Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria and Newport, staff at Deepwater Seafoods in Garibaldi, the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, 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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