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**Preseason Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – November 2013**

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has completed the early November portion of the pre-season test fishing for coastal Dungeness crab shell condition and meat recovery.

The stations in the Long Beach Test Area were completed on November 12 and the stations in the Westport Test Area were completed on November 7, 2013.

The standard WDFW coastal Dungeness crab testing fishing protocol was followed. Crabs were collected from three stations at each area; strings of pots were set at 15, 30, and 45 fathoms at each station. All legal sized male crab caught were included in the meat recovery sample. While aboard the charter vessels, WDFW staff collected shell condition data from crab collected from all depths and stations. The results for all stations are summarized below.

Test Area	1A	1B	II	III	Meat Recovery
Westport	21.0%	22.0%	62.0%	0%	23.1%
Northern	21.7%	39.5%	38.8%	0%	26.4%
Long Beach	19.4%	26.4%	54.2%	0%	21.8%

WDFW is grateful to the fishers and processors who provided the key cooperation needed to allow this work to be conducted successfully.

Based on a decision made during a Tri-State conference call yesterday, WDFW will be retesting the Long Beach stations (in concert with similar re-testing by ODFW and CDFW) next week with final results expected on Friday November 22. More information re: potential season opening dates will follow the review of the results of that test.

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