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SUBJECT: Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Test Fishing Results

A second set of meat recovery results for the Westport area shows meat recovery has improved since the last test on November 4, 2004. The Quinault tribe collected crab for testing on November 11 and obtained 20.8% meat recovery. The results for all of WDFW test to date are summarized below. Another test for the Long Beach area is scheduled for November 20, 2004.

Shell condition

| Area | 1A 1B | II | 111 | Pick-out |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|-----|----------|
| Long Beach 10-27-04 | 8.3% 16.4% | 75.3% | 0.0 | 16.2% |
| Westport 11-4-04 | 9.0% 16.3% | 74.6% | 0.0 | 19.2% |
| Westport 11-17-04 | 18.9% 26.4% | 54.6% | 0.0 | 21.8% |