



## Memorandum

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Date: October 24, 2005  
To: Dungeness Crab Industry  
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Subject: Pre-Season softshell test results (First Round)

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In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, softshell testing was completed at four of six sampling locations off Oregon. 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.

Astoria Oct. 20: 18.2%

Garibaldi Testing delayed due to weather. As soon as weather permits, tests will be conducted in this area.

Newport Oct. 18: 20.2%

Coos Bay Oct. 21: 20.8%

Port Orford Oct. 20: 15.3% (Incomplete results for shallow depths only. These results will NOT be used for decisions about season opening). As soon as weather permits, a new, complete test will be conducted for this area and those results will be considered as the first sample for this area for season opening decisions.

Brookings Oct. 20: 14.3%

The next full round of tests is tentatively scheduled for mid-to-late November.