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**Subject:** Northern California Dungeness Crab Quality Test – 11/17/2005 Report

The protocol that governs the test of Dungeness crab quality in northern California sets a minimum recovery goal of 25% rounded to the nearest whole integer.

During the second test of 2005, conducted from November 14<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>, crabs were sampled for crab quality test from 8 different locations. These crab yielded a combined green weight (after a 2 hour drain time) of 4,945 pounds and packed weight of 1,222.7 pounds for a combined Northern California recovery rate of 24.6%. This is the percentage used by CDF&G in their season opening decision. The crab meat will be provided to local Ft. Bragg and Eureka charities.

The recovery percentages for this test by port and by combined ports were:

<b>2 hour drain</b>	Crescent City	Trinidad	Eureka	Ft. Bragg	Combined
Recovery %	22.8%	23.8%	26.8%	25.1%	24.6%

In addition to 2 hour drain weight, a crab weight was taken directly off the vessel with no drain time to approximate the weights used during the fishing season. The results of this test are provided at the request of the fishing industry will not be used by CDF&G on their season opening decision.

<b>No drain</b>	Crescent City	Trinidad	Eureka	Ft. Bragg	Combined
Recovery %	21.8%	23.6%	26.3%	24.6%	24.1%

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