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results (Second Round)

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In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, softshell testing was completed at five 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	Nov. 9: 22.3%	(5 of 6 pots at the 45 fm. Station off Seaside were lost)
Garibaldi	Due to rough bar conditions, samples could not be collected from Garibaldi.	
Newport	Nov. 7: 22.9%	
Coos Bay	Nov. 9: 23.7%	
Port Orford	Nov. 9: 17.1%	
Brookings	Nov. 8: 16.7%	

With the low pickout numbers in Port Orford and Brookings, projections show that those areas will not reach the criteria of 25% until well into January. A third round of testing will be conducted in early to mid-December. All other areas are projected to reach their respective criteria on or before Dec. 1. Discussions concerning season openings will be scheduled with other Tri-State representatives as soon as CA and WA report their second round results.