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In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, a third round of softshell testing has been completed. This set of tests were only conducted out of the ports of Port Orford and Brookings. All other tested ports in Oregon (Charleston, Newport, and Astoria) have shown results which meet the Tri-states criteria for meat recovery. The test results and dates are in the table below.

|             | <u>Oct. 18 - 21</u> | <u>Nov. 7 - 9</u> | <u>Nov. 18</u> | <u>Dec. 6</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Astoria     | 18.2                | 22.3 *            | 22.2           |               |
| Newport     | 20.2                | 22.9              |                |               |
| Coos Bay    | 20.8                | 23.7              |                |               |
| Port Orford | 15.3 *              | 17.1              |                | 19.7          |
| Brookings   | 14.3                | 16.7              |                | 20.7          |

\* Test result not used for management decision.

With the low pickout numbers in Brookings and Port Orford, projections show that those areas will not reach the criteria of 25% until early January and mid-February respectively. All other areas have been projected to reach their respective criteria by Dec. 1.