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## Memorandum:

Date: November 20, 2006

To: Dungeness Crab Industry

From: Mitch Vance

Subject: Pre-Season softshell test results (Second Round, Newport)

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, the second round of softshell testing was completed for the Newport area. The crab from the Newport area had a 27.6% recovery rate. Weather conditions continue to hamper testing efforts in the Astoria area. 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.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Round 1</u>		<u>Round 2</u>	
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recovery</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recovery</u>
Astoria	Oct. 20	21.3%	Not yet collected (weather)	
Garibaldi	Oct. 20	23.1%	Not Needed / Criteria Met	
Newport	Oct. 19	23.1%	Nov. 18	27.6%
Coos Bay	Oct. 19	23.2%	Nov. 9	24.5%
Port Orford	Oct. 19	27.2%	Not Needed / Criteria Met	
Brookings	Oct. 19	23.1%	Nov. 9	26.2%

Samples were collected for Domoic Acid and those results will be reported after laboratory analysis is complete.