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Memorandum:

Date: November 14, 2006

To: Dungeness Crab Industry

From: Mitch Vance

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

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, the second round of softshell testing was completed for Coos Bay and Brookings. A second round of testing is not necessary for the Garibaldi and Port Orford areas since those areas tested above the criteria needed for season opening. Tests for the Newport and Astoria areas will be conducted as soon as weather allows. 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%	Not yet collected (weather)	
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.