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2008 Oregon Dungeness Crab Quality Test

Preseason Dungeness crab testing was conducted along the entire Oregon coast from October 20th to the 23rd. Results indicate that the crab in all areas satisfy the meat recovery criteria required in the Tri-State protocols. The crab collected in the Brookings area did not satisfy the total poundage requirement; these crab were processed and the recovery rate was 27.2%. Considering the results from adjacent ports in Southern Oregon and Northern California and the logistical and financial costs of repeating that test, Tri-State advisors determined that further testing is not necessary.

Area	Meat Recovery %
Astoria	22.6
Garibaldi	23.2
Newport	24.6
Coos Bay	27.7
Port Orford	24.7
Brookings	** 27.2

(** low poundage)

In addition to the crab collected for meat recovery testing, six crab were also collected for domoic acid analysis in each of the Garibaldi, Newport, and Coos Bay areas. The results from those tests showed that every crab except one had domoic acid levels below the detectable level. One crab from the Coos Bay area had 4.7 parts per million which is well below the action level of 30 ppm.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the preseason test results,

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