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Preseason Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – November 2009

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has completed the November portion of the pre-season test fishing for coastal Dungeness crab shell condition and meat recovery.

The Long Beach portion of the test was completed on November 12, 2009 however; due to poor weather, the Westport portion of the test was not completed.

The standard WDFW coastal Dungeness crab testing fishing protocol was followed. Crabs were collected from three stations at each area; strings of pots were set at 15, 30, and 45 fathoms at each station. All legal sized male crab caught were included in the meat recovery sample. While aboard the charter vessels, WDFW staff collected shell condition data from crab collected from all depths and stations. The results for all areas are summarized below.

November Washington Dungeness Crab Test Results

Sampling location	1A	1B	II	III	Meat Recovery
Westport	-	-	-	-	-
Long Beach	45.4%	20.0%	34.7%	0.0%	27.4%

Since crab from the northern stations collected in October tested with a meat pick out of 27.8% we do not plan to do any additional testing in that area.

WDFW is grateful to the fishers and processors who provided the key cooperation needed to allow this work to be conducted successfully.

If you have any questions pertaining to this notice please call Dan Ayres at 360.249.4628 (ext. 209) or by email ayresdla@dfw.w.gov