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Preseason Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – October 2009

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

The Destruction Island and the Long Beach portions were both completed on October 22, 2009 and Westport portion of the test was completed on October 23, 2009.

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.

| Sampling location | 1A | 1B | II | III | Meat Recovery |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------------|
| Destruction Island | 32.9% | 31.6% | 35.6% | 0% | 27.8% |
| Westport | 17.8% | 24.1% | 58.1% | 0% | 22.0% |
| Long Beach | 30.3% | 28.6% | 41.1% | 0% | 25.4% |

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

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