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### 2010 Oregon Dungeness Crab Quality Test

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, the second round of Oregon preseason crab testing has been completed. 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. Results from the first round of testing (October 17-18) indicated that the crab from Newport already met criteria required in the Tri-State protocols and thus was not retested during the second round. The crab collected in the five remaining areas (Astoria, Garibaldi, Charleston, Port Orford and Brookings areas) were retested November 1-4 and the results are as follows:

	Round 1 Meat Recovery %	Round 2 Meat Recovery %
<b>Astoria</b>	18.5	22.4
<b>Garibaldi</b>	21.3	25.3
<b>Newport</b>	24.9	Not retested
<b>Coos Bay</b>	24.3	25.3
<b>Port Orford</b>	18.6	21.3
<b>Brookings</b>	18.2	22.1

Crab from the Garibaldi and Coos Bay areas met the criteria for season opening and crab collected from the Astoria, Port Orford and Brookings areas are projected to meet the criteria for season opening by December 1<sup>st</sup>. **However, the opening of the Dungeness Crab season is also contingent upon results of preseason testing in both Washington and California per Tri-state protocols.** During this same time, crab were collected for toxin testing by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and results of those tests will be reported as soon as they are available.

I would like to thank all of those involved with this years testing; the staff at Hallmark Fisheries in Charleston, Newport, Brookings, and Port Orford, staff at Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria, staff at Deep Water Seafoods in Garibaldi, the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, ODFW volunteer observers, and the captains and crew of the crabbing vessels that make this possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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