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**Preseason Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – November 2010**

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

The Long Beach and Westport were completed on November 9 and November 11 respectively.

*Note: WDFW will be testing the northern Clearwater stations the week of November 15, weather permitting.*

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. Pots at all locations were soaked for 48 hours. 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. (*Note that during the Westport test, rough ocean conditions prevented the collection of some shell condition data.*)

The results for all areas are summarized below.

| Date    | Sampling location | Meat Recovery | Shell Condition Results |     |     |     |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|         |                   |               | 1A                      | 1B  | II  | III |
| Nov. 11 | Westport          | 21.8%         | 35%                     | 22% | 43% | 0%  |
| Nov. 9  | Long Beach        | 23.5%         | 32%                     | 17% | 51% | 0%  |

For comparison, below are the results of the first round of testing in October.

| Date    | Sampling location | Meat Recovery | Shell Condition Results |     |     |     |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|         |                   |               | 1A                      | 1B  | II  | III |
| Oct. 15 | Westport          | 18.8%         | 26%                     | 15% | 59% | 0%  |
| Oct. 15 | Long Beach        | 19.0%         | 18%                     | 18% | 64% | 0%  |

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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