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2011 Oregon Dungeness Crab Quality Test

The first round of preseason Dungeness crab quality testing was conducted along the entire Oregon coast from October 17th - 19th. Results indicate that the crab from the Coos Bay test area already satisfy the meat recovery criteria required in the Tri-State protocols. The crab collected in the six remaining test areas (Astoria, Garibaldi, Newport, Floras Creek, Port Orford and Brookings) will be retested in early November. During that same time, crab will be collected for toxin testing by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Results of those tests will be reported as soon as they are available.

Area	Meat Recovery %
Astoria	18.1
Garibaldi	20.6
Newport	21.1
Coos Bay	25.0
Floras Creek	18.0
Port Orford	19.1
Brookings	16.6

I would like to thank all of those involved with the testing; the staff at Hallmark Fisheries in Charleston, Newport, Brookings, and Port Orford, staff at Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria, staff at Tillamook Bay Boathouse 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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