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Preseason Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – October 2011

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 stations in the Long Beach Test Area were completed on October 17 and the stations in the Westport Test Area were completed on October 18, 2011.

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. The results for all stations are summarized below.

Test Area	1A	1B	II	III	Meat Recovery
Westport	9.8%	16.1%	74.1%	0%	17.8%
Long Beach	17.5%	24.8%	57.7%	0%	21.4%

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

The next round of testing will occur in mid-November. WDFW expects to include the Northern stations at that time.

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