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2011 Oregon Dungeness Crab Quality Test

In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, the second round of Oregon preseason crab testing has been completed. 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. Results from the first round of testing (October 17-18) indicated that the crab from Charleston test area already met criteria required in the Tri-State protocols and thus was not retested during the second round. The crab collected in the six remaining areas (Astoria, Garibaldi, Charleston, Floras Creek, Port Orford and Brookings areas) were retested November 6-7 and the results are as follows:

	Round 1 Meat Recovery %	Round 2 Meat Recovery %
Astoria	18.1	20.0
Garibaldi	20.6	20.3
Newport	21.1	23.4
Coos Bay	25.0	not tested
Floras Creek	18.0	23.1
Port Orford	19.1	20.5
Brookings	16.6	19.9

The quantity of crab from the Port Orford and Floras Creek test areas did not meet the minimum poundage requirement of 300lbs per test area so will be retested as soon as possible.

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 and Fishhawk fisheries 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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