



# Memorandum

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To: Dungeness Crab Industry  
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Subject: Pre-Season softshell test results to date

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In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, softshell testing is being conducted at six sampling locations off Oregon. The meat recovery rates for these samples are listed below. 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. Additional testing will be conducted.

Astoria;	Oct. 24	Nov. 11
Peter Iredale:	18.2%	20.6%
Seaside:	19.3%	21.0%
Garibaldi:	Oct. 28	
Nehalem River:	21.0%	
Netarts:	20.3%	
Newport:	Oct. 23	Nov. 13
Cascade Head:	21.6%	25.6%
Alsea Bay:	19.8%	21.1%
Coos Bay:	Nov. 8	
Winchester Bay	21.5%	
Coos Bay	22.2%	
Port Oford:	Nov. 5	
The Heads	23.0%	
Sisters Rocks	23.0%	
Brookings	Oct. 23	Nov. 11
Pistol River:	23.0%	24.3%
OR/CA Border:	23.7%	25.6%