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**TO:** Tri-State Dungeness Committee and PSMFC  
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**SUBJECT: Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Test Fishing Results**

Washington has completed the first round of test fishing for meat recovery. Crabs are sampled at six stations from Westport to the Columbia River. Two to three strings are set at depths ranging from 12-32 fathoms at each station. The first 60 crabs at each string are collected for an ocean run meat recovery test, the remainder of the crab in each string are measured for carapace width and shell condition. The results for both areas are summarized below. The season start date is dependant on meat recovery rate projected to be 23% on December 1. Another round of test fishing will be conducted the week of November 15.

Area	Shell condition				Pick-out
	1A	1B	II	III	
Long Beach 10-27-04	8.3%	16.4%	75.3%	0.0	16.2%
Westport 11-4-04	9.0%	16.3%	74.6%	0.0	19.2%