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SUBJECT: Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Test Fishing Results

Washington has completed the first round of test fishing for the Long Beach portion of the October test fishery. Crab pots were set at three stations from the Columbia River north; each station had a string of six pots at approximately 12, 24 and 32 fathoms. The first 60 crabs at each string were collected for an ocean run meat recovery test, the remainder of the crab in each string were measured for carapace width and shell condition. Bell Buoy crab in Chinook, WA processed the crab and obtained a **meat recovery of 16.2%**. Shell condition for the remaining crab was: 8.3% 1A, 16.4% 1B, 75.3% II and 0% III. We will be conducting the Westport portion of the test fishery as soon as weather permits.

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