



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 23, 2016

To: Processors of Oregon Dungeness Crab

From: Stephanie Page
Director of Food Safety and Animal Services Programs

Subject: December 2016: Domoic Acid (DA) Testing Results

This letter is to inform you that the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) received and analyzed viscera from Oregon Dungeness crabs from October - December 2016 for accumulation of Domoic Acid.

All samples collected off the coast of Brookings, Port Orford and Astoria between October and December were below the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) established action level for crab viscera of 30 parts per million (ppm) or more. In addition, all samples collected off the coast of Coos Bay, Newport and Garibaldi, between December 10, 2016, and December 18, 2016, have two consecutive tests with all results below the FDA established action level for crab viscera of 30 parts per million (ppm) or more. Therefore, ODA considers all waters from the Oregon Coast to be approved waters for Dungeness crab harvesting.

Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) testing was not conducted because monitoring of PST levels in clams and mussels over the summer and fall indicated it was not a toxin of concern this year.

Please include this letter with your HACCP plan as verification that crabs harvested from the Oregon Coast are from approved waters. This verification will be valid until further notice. The Oregon Department of Agriculture will monitor biotoxin levels in Oregon waters and conduct further sampling as needed.