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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,



In partnership with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the commercial crabbing industry, the first round of Oregon preseason Dungeness crab quality and domoic acid testing was conducted coastwide during November 8-9 and results are posted [here](#). The minimum meat recovery rates to be met in each test area are 23% north of Cascade Head and 24% south of Cascade Head (no rounding allowed in any area). In round 1, all Oregon meat recovery areas met meat recovery criteria, but the area off Long Beach, Washington, did not. Domoic acid results from crab collected in all 12 crab harvest areas are posted on ODA's website [here](#). There are no elevated crab viscera results at this time.

Based on these results and consultations with industry advisors, ODA, and Washington and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, there was Tri-State agreement to delay the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season in Oregon until at least December 16. This delay will allow completion of additional meat recovery testing off Washington and avoid disrupting traditional fishing patterns. If Long Beach meets criteria on the next round of testing, the Oregon fishery will open December 16. If not, we will reinstate consultations to decide on a season opening structure, with announcement targeted for December 7.

We thank everyone involved with testing this preseason and appreciate upcoming testing efforts to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of excellent quality and safe to consume.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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