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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

**Season Opening Delayed In Washington, Oregon and
California (North of Point Arena)**

On Wednesday November 13, 2019 coastal Dungeness crab Tri-State policy representatives from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) agreed to delay the opening of the 2019-20 Coastal Dungeness crab fishery from Point Area, California north to the US/Canada border through December 15th at least. This decision was based on crab condition tests conducted by WDFW, ODFW and CDFW which shows that all test areas do not currently meet the minimum meat recovery criteria.

The Tri-State Dungeness Crab Pre-Season Testing Protocols specify that after the first round of testing, if any area does not meet the minimum meat recovery criteria (23% north of Cascade Head and 25% south of Cascade Head) a delay is required and additional testing is required before a season opening date can be confirmed.

A second round of both meat recovery and domoic acid testing is scheduled to be conducted in late November and/or early December. WDFW will provide additional information regarding the season opening as soon as possible following the completion of the upcoming tests.

Coast-wide test meat recovery and domoic acid results to date are found in the attached tables.

This information can also be found at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/crab/coastal/letters-notices#general-info>

2019 Preseason Coastal Dungeness crab Test Fishery Results for WA, OR and CA

* Date is the date the pots were pulled

Test Area	Optional Early Round		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
	Date	Meat Recovery %	Date	Meat Recovery %	Date	Meat Recovery %	Date	Meat Recovery %
Washington								
Northern	no test	no test	11/5/19	no pickout ^				
Westport	10/24/19	20.97%	11/7/19	22.6%				
Long Beach	10/23/19	19.1%	11/6/19	20.4%				
Oregon								
Astoria (50-A)*	no test	no test	11/6/19	20.3%				
Garibaldi (50-B)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.0%				
Newport North (50-C and 50-D)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.7%				
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.0%				
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.1%				
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	no test	no test	11/5/19	21.6%				
Port Orford (50-K)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	20.8%				
Brookings (50-L)*	no test	no test	11/5/19	22.3%				
California								
Crescent City	no test	no test	11/3/19	21.4%				
Trinidad	no test	no test	11/3/19	20.2%				
Eureka	no test	no test	11/3/19	21.9%				
District 10 (not bound by Tri-State)								
Bodega Bay	no test	no test	no test	no test				
San Francisco	no test	no test	no test	no test				
*Only one test station in each area (18 pots)								
^ Area had less than 300 lbs.								



WA Dungeness Crab Domoic Acid Test Results 2019

Collect Date	Waterbody	SiteName	Approx Depth	Crab Species	Tissue	Domoic Result (ppm)
11/4/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Queets River to Toleak Point (KAL)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
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11/4/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Queets River to Toleak Point (KAL)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/6/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (LBP)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
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11/6/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (LBP)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
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11/6/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (LBP)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	<1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	1
11/7/2019	Grays Harbor Coast	Cape Disappointment/Pt Brown (WSPT)	15 fathoms	Dungeness	Viscera	NTD

WDOH OPENING CRITERIA: Opening a zone to crab fishing requires two (2) consecutive crab sample sets, not less than seven (7) days apart, with all six crab in each set, testing below 30 ppm in the viscera, or 20 ppm in meat.

WDOH CLOSING CRITERIA: Closing a zone that has been open to crab fishing is required when one or more crab in six (or more) crab sample test at or above 30 ppm in the viscera, or 20 ppm in meat.

LBP = WDFW test stations off the Long Beach Peninsula; Peacock Spit, Seaview, Klipsan

WSPT = WDFW test stations off of Westport; Grays Harbor Bouy 3, Grayland, off mouth of Willapa Bay

KAL=Kalaloch