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Dungeness Crab Test Fishery Results – November 2025

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has completed the first round test fishery for the Washington coastal Dungeness crab fishery. The test fishery was conducted to assess the condition of the crab resource in advance of the 2025-26 season. Data collected included an assessment of crab shell condition and meat recovery.

Sampling within the Long Beach Test Area was completed on November 3, 2025, and the Westport Test Area was completed on November 11, 2025. The test was conducted in accordance with the Tri-State Coastal Dungeness Crab Revised Pre-Season Testing Protocol, available at the following link:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/pre-season-testing-protocols-2024-final.pdf>.

Briefly, crab were collected from three stations within the Westport testing area; strings of pots were set at 15, 30, and 45 fathoms at each station. All legal sized male crab caught were included in the meat recovery sample. WDFW staff also collected shell condition data from the same crab collected from all depths and stations. Six crab within each test area were collected for domoic acid testing. The results for all stations and domoic acid results are summarized below.

Test Area	Date	Shell Grade				Meat Recovery	Domoic Acid (ppm) levels per crab
		1A	1B	II	III		
Long Beach	11/3/2025	8.8%	26.7%	64.5%	0%	21.9%	NTD, <1, NTD, NTD, <1, NTD
Westport	11/11/2025	5.8%	32.7%	61.5%	0%	25.0%	NTD, NTD, 3, NTD, <1, 1

Definition of shell grades:

- 1A: no flex in body or legs; marketable
- 1B: slight flex in either body or leg; marketable
- II: some flex in both body and leg; not marketable
- III: extreme flex in body and legs; not marketable

WDFW plans to complete the second round of testing within the Long Beach test area by December 7, 2025.

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) are scheduled to meet on November 20, 2025. The Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) has announced their season will open on November 15, 2025. More information about State season openings will be announced next week.

COASTWIDE TEST RESULTS

Coastwide test meat recovery results to date are summarized below and can also be found at this link:

https://old.psmfc.org/crab/2025-2026%20files/Tri-StatePreseasonCoastwideResults_2025.pdf

2025 Preseason Coastal Dungeness crab Test Fishery Results for WA, OR, and CA												
* Date is the date the pots were pulled. **Meat recovery criteria per Tri-State protocol. Percentage meat recovery may not be rounded to meet minimum threshold listed.												
Test Area Information			Optional Early Round		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4	
Test Area Name	% Meat Recovery Required **	Number of pots	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %
Washington												
Northern	23%	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT						
Westport	23%	54	10/16/25	20.9%	11/11/25	25.0%						
Long Beach	23%	54	NT	NT	11/3/25	21.9%						
Oregon												
Astoria (50-A)	23%	36	NT	NT	11/9/25	26.4%						
Garibaldi (50-B)	23%	18	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.1%						
Pacific City (50-C)	23%	18	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.5% [†]						
Newport North (50-D)	24%	18	NT	NT								
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	24%	36	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.7%						
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	24%	36	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.4%						
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	24%	36	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.4%						
Port Orford (50-K)	24%	18	NT	NT	11/9/25	28.7%						
Brookings (50-L)	24%	18	NT	NT	11/9/25	27.5%						
California												
Crescent City	24%	36	NT	NT	NT	NT						
Trinidad	24%	36	NT	NT	NT	NT						
Eureka	24%	36	NT	NT	NT	NT						
District 10 (not bound by Tri-State)												
Bodega Bay		n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT						
San Francisco		n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT						

[†] Oregon areas 50-C and 50-D unintentionally combined onboard vessel

WDFW is grateful to the fishers and processors who provide the key cooperation needed to allow this work to be conducted successfully.

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