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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 16, 2023

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 12-31-22 and BSAI Crab, for 1-16-23.

This will be a short fishery update last week NOAA finally put out the 12-31-2022 catch figures will not have any 2023 Groundfish reports until January 19, 2023. We only had a harvest of 236MT of harvest last week and the majority of that was CDQ Pacific Cod 178MT. Fishing activity has started to pick up on Sunday January 1st, 2023, A season Pacific Cod fixed gear fisheries opened and had strong fishing the 60'foot over pot cod sector closed on January 12, 2023 NOAA expected that 5,100MT allocation was harvested. The 60' foot under pot and longline fishery closed on January 16, 2023 at noon NOAA expected the 2,600MT allocation to be taken. We will have the catch data next week. There were no crab landings of Golden King Crab, and Tanner crab last week. The local plants are getting geared up for the start of the Pollock A season which open and all trawl sector harvesters for Pollock, Cod, Mackerel, Perch, and all Flatfish Sole species will open on January 20th. 2023 at noon.

The Pollock A season: total allowable catch for 2023 is 40% of the 1.3 MMT allocation which is 520,000 metric tons (1.14 billion pounds) the Unalaska plants Pollock A season allocation come in at 165,000MT in pounds 365 million pounds. With good fishing Pollock A season will last until mid to late March. The 2022 Pollock B season left 1,580MT unharvested (3.4million pounds).

Pollock Incidental Catch 12-31-22: there was a harvest of 5MT last week for a season total of 45,766MT(100 million pounds) leaving 3,993MT unharvested for 2022.

The Pacific Cod: 12-31-2022: Pacific Cod fishery continues to be slow with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries and trawl harvest mostly bycatch with Pollock. Last week harvest was 178MT (392,312bs.) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 136,589MT (301 million pounds) leaving 10,963MT unharvest (241,624lbs). Including CDQ 93% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested. The Bering Sea directed Pacific Cod harvest closed on

October 7th, 2022, except for CDQ harvest. That leaves only the Aleutian Islands and CDQ Pacific Cod fishery available for a directed fishery.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 0MT last week for the season 62,768MT from the A/B season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 2,259MT to unharvested, 97% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod Trawl: This fishery will be opened on January 20,2022, with the A/B season allocation of 50,722MT. We had a harvest through December 24th, 2022, last week of 0MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 0MT and CV sector 0MT A/B season harvest stands at 43,676MT leaving 5,685MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to unharvested 86% of the A/B/C season harvest has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 5,677MT leaving -139MT cod allocation to harvest, -103% of the seasonal allocation was harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 1,758MT. The A season remaining allocation is 245MT 88% of the A season allocation was harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 11,846MT leaving -639MT of B season allocation to harvest 106% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 178MT last week for the season 13,305MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 2,818MT unharvested 83% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 99MT leaving 99MT unharvested.0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 12-31-2022: The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 6MT (13,224lbs.) 794MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 353,403MT (778 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 154,255MT, Rock Sole 18,386MT Alaska Plaice,11,253MT, Flathead Sole 14,690MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,858MT, Kamchatka Flounder 8,369MT other Flatfish 2,559MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,43,470MT Atka Mackerel 58,108MT, Octopus,250MT Skate 29,298MT Greenland Turbot, 1,472MT and Sablefish Trawl 3,466MT.

Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-16-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There was no Golden King Crab landing made from the Eastern District last week. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had twenty-five landings for 1,643,133lbs. leaving 1,344,867 lbs. to harvest 55% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there have been

twenty-eight landings from the Western District, which is still confidential, there was no Western District Golden King Crab landings made last week. There have been four CDQ landings from the Eastern District for 245,680 lbs. leaving 86,320 lbs. to harvest 74% of the CDQ allocation has been harvested. The total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We have five vessels registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$70-80 million dollar range for the 5.05-million-pound allocation.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 1-16-23: There was no Tanner Crab landings made last week. We have had 32 Tanner crab landings for the season for 500,912lbs. leaving 545,788lbs. 48% of the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab has had three landings the poundage amount is still confidential the Western district allocation is 765,000 lbs. There has been two Eastern District CDQ landings the poundage amount is confidential. Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab total allocation is set at 2.0 million pounds including CDQ.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Groundfish Harvest Data
3. NOAA Reports
4. ADFG Reports

