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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for January 23, 2023

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 1-19-23 and BSAI Crab, for 1-23-23.**

This will be a short fishery update NOAA finally put out the catch figures on Pacific Cod through January 19<sup>th</sup> from the fixed gear cod fleet harvested of 11,443MT (25.2 million pounds) since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Will not have any 2023 Groundfish trawl reports until January 26, 2023. CDQ Pacific Cod 178MT. Fishing activity has started to pick up on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 the 60' < pot and longline cod fishery closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> with a harvest of 3,200MT. The State water pot cod fishery for 58' < under pot boats opened today for 38 million pounds of Pacific Cod. We also last week had 250,000 of Golden King Crab landed from four deliveries and nine small Tanner Crab landing from the Western District that is still being held in the confidential category until another processors purchases crab from that area.

**The Pollock A season:** this fishery opened on January 20<sup>th</sup> I talked a couple of processors today strong fishing so far but a lot of small fish under 500 grams not good for fillet production and immature Pollock roe as well, hopefully things will improve soon. The allowable catch for the A season 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).

**The Pacific Cod: 1-19-2023:** Pacific Cod fixed fishery harvest got off to a great start in January with a fixed gear cod fleets harvested of 11,443MT (25.2 million pounds) since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The total allocation Bering Sea Pacific Cod allocation is 127,409MT and Aleutian Island Pacific Cod allocation is 8,425MT for a total of 135,834MT (300 million pounds) this is a 14,000MT reduction from the 2022 Pacific Cod allocation 9,000MT from the Bering Sea and 5,000MT from the Aleutian Islands.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 3,142MT last week for the season 3,142MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 26,822MT to harvested, 10% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 3,283MT last week for the season 3,363MT leaving 230MT cod allocation to harvest, 98% of the seasonal allocation was harvested. The federal water season is closed. The State of Alaska state water Pot Cod fishery opened today at noon for 38 million pounds.

**C/P Pot CPs** 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 923MT. The A season remaining allocation is 923MT 0% of the A season allocation was harvested.

**Pot Cod 60'>:** harvested 5,018MT last week for the A season allocation of 5,168MT leaving 150MT of A season allocation to harvest 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested. This sector is now closed until September 1, 2023.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 0MT last week for the season 0MT from a 14,280MT allocation of leaving 14,280MT to harvest 0% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

**Pacific Cod Jig:** 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 69MT leaving 69MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod Trawl:** The trawl fishery just opened three days ago, no reported harvest yet. The A season allocations for each sector are as follows CV Trawl 19,837MT Amendment 80 12,191MT AT Sea Processors 2,092MT. A total allocation of 34,120MT.

**Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl:** No reported harvest as of yet season opened on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-23-2023:**

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There were 4 Golden King Crab landings made from the Eastern District last week. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had twenty-eight landings for 1,809,601lbs. leaving 1,1,178,399lbs. to harvest 61% of the allocation has been harvested, there were three landings made last week. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there have been twenty-nine landings from the Western District, which is still confidential, there was one 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 1-23-23:** There were nine Tanner Crab small all from the Western District landings 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 eleven 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 we have had one Western District CDQ landing that amount is still confidential. Eastern/Western 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

