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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 30, 2023

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 1-21-23 and BSAI Crab, for 1-30-23.

This will be a short fishery update NOAA has not put out the regular catch figures on groundfish species yet, the only information we have is on Pacific Cod and Pollock in the Fisheries Outlook report that is an attachment with this memo. Pacific Cod harvest through January 21st from the fixed gear cod fleet harvested of 13,980MT (30.8 million pounds). The Pollock Harvest for one day of fishing by all sectors is 7,651MT (16.8 million pounds). Will not have any 2023 Groundfish trawl reports until February 2, 2023. Pacific Cod fixed gear fisheries opened and had strong fishing the 60'foot over pot cod sector closed on January 12, 2023, NOAA with a harvest of 5,018MT. The 60' < pot and longline cod fishery closed on January 16th with a harvest of 3,336MT. The State water pot cod fishery for 58' < under pot boats opened on January 23, 2023, for 38 million pounds of Pacific Cod no harvest data from the State of Alaska yet. We also last week had 3 landing of Golden King Crab landed from the Western District the poundage amount is confidential. Tanner Crab three landing were made from the Western District that is still being held in the confidential category until another processor purchases crab from that area. The Halibut allocation for the 2023 season were set in Canada last week, the resource faced a 10% overall cut from the 2022 season. Some of the largest reduction where in Area 4 which is in the Aleutians, Pribilofs, and Bristol Bay, areas 4A - 17% cut to 1.7 million pounds 4B -6% cut to 1.36 million pounds and 4CDE -6% cut to 3.85 million pounds. The Halibut season opens on March 10, 2023 and will close on December 7, 2023 the Halibut allocation attachment will be attached with this memo.

The Pollock A 1-21-2023: The Pollock harvest for one day of fishing last week by all sectors was 7,651MT (16.8 million pounds). Leaving 512,000MT of A season Pollock to harvest for all sectors. This fishery opened on January 20th I talked a couple of processors today strong fishing so far but a lot of small fish under five hundred 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).

Salmon Bycatch 1-21-2023: Chinook bycatch 140 fish. Chum bycatch 22 fish.

Pollock Incidental Catch 1-21-2023: No reports yet.

The Pacific Cod: 1-21-2023: 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 1st, 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 2,425MT last week for the season 5,626MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 24,338MT to harvested, 10% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 53MT last week for the season 3,336MT leaving 27MT cod allocation to harvest, 100% 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 1-21-2023: No harvest reported yet.

Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-30-2023:

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-eight landings for 1,809,601lbs. leaving 1,1,178,399lbs. to harvest 61% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there were three landing last week the season total is thirty-one landings from the Western District, the poundage which is still confidential. 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 1-30-23: There were three 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% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab has had fourteen 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.Halibut 2023 Halibut Allocation

