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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 30, 2023

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 1-28-23 not available, State Water Pot Cod 58'< Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 2-6-23.

This will be a short fishery update once again, NOAA has not put out the 2023 regular weekly catch figures on groundfish species yet. I've inquired about the lack of information and no one seems to know when the reports will become available. To make matters worse we didn't even get a Fisheries Outlook report this week, where I was able to get total catch data for various species. I do have the data on the State Water Pot Cod Pacific Cod 58'< fishery which is close to 4 million pounds harvested leaving 34 million pounds to harvest at this time 16 vessels are fishing. On the Crab fisheries Golden King Crab had two landing for 174,000lbs last week. The Tanner Crab fishery had one small Tanner crab 29,000lbs. The Western District had 8 small landings don't know the amount of pondage but the total for the Western District is 292,933 lbs. leaving 472,000lbs. to harvest the Western District is no longer confidential.

Pacific Cod State Water 58'< Pot Cod Fishery: 2-6-2023: Pacific Cod 58'< fishery got off to a good start on January 23, 2023 weather hasn't been to bad. The total allocation Dutch Harbor sub-district is fishery is 38 million pounds, with 16 vessel participating so far, that number will in increase as of Pot Cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska are completed. The harvest through this morning id 3.9 million pounds leaving 34.3 million pounds to harvest 10% of the harvest has been taken. I understand that that there are tenders on the grounds to assist getting cod to the local plants allowing harvest to stay on the grounds longer.

Golden King Crab Fisheries 2-6-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There was two Golden King Crab landings made from the Eastern District last week for 173,000lbs. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had thirty landings for 1,982,743lbs. leaving 1,005,257lbs. to harvest 66% 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 2-6-2023: There were 1 Tanner Crab all from the Eastern District last week for 29,000lbs. We have had 33 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 517,432lbs. leaving 529,268lbs. 49% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had 8 small landings last week , the total landings stand at 292,933 lbs. leaving 472,067lbs. to harvest 38% the allocation has been. 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

