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Subject: Fishery Update Memo

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 3-4-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 3-13-23.

The Pollock A season harvest fishing continues to be strong 355,058MT (782 million pounds) have been harvested by all four Pollock sectors. The information Pollock size is improving, and Roe quality has improved as well. The fleet has strong fishing 63% of the A season Pollock harvest is completed leaving 206,825MT to harvest the season should be over by the end of March. Pacific Cod fishing has been very good the Freezer Longline CP have had strong fishing they have harvested almost 17,000MT since January 1st and the trawl sector fishing has picked up, they harvested 3,800MT last week and have over 19,000MT harvested since January 20th. The total cod harvest from January 1st is at 49,000MT (107 million pounds). The State Water Pot Cod 58' < under is going strong with 20.5 million pounds harvested in the past three weeks and still have 17.8 million pounds to harvest. The Tanner crab fishery had a slow week with only 52,000lbs. landed last week, leaving, and estimated 254,000lbs to harvest from the East and West Districts. The Golden King Crab Fishery had four small delivery last week for 179,845lbs. the total harvest is at 4.4 million pounds and there is still 580,834lbs of Golden King Crab to harvest. The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fishery is still slow with only 8,367MT (14.4 million pounds) of various Sole, Perch and Mackerel landed for last week for the season they are at 47,000MT (104 million pounds harvested).

Overall Groundfish Harvest 3-4-2023: the A season harvest last week was 68,951MT (151 million pounds) 9,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest. The season totals are 461,685MT harvested (1.01 billion pounds) leaving 1,519,265MT (3.3 billion pounds) to harvest; 23% of the overall annual harvest of 1,980,950MMT (4.3 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 3-4-2023: the Pollock B season open on January 20th. Last week we had a harvest of 53,071MT (116 million lbs.). The total A season harvest is at 355,058MT (782 million pounds) leaving 206,825MT (455 million pounds) to harvest, 63% of the A season

allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has the largest share of the A season harvest to date 144,114MT. (317 million pounds).

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 23,423MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 144,114MT (317 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 107,886MT (237 million lbs.) of A season to harvest, with 57% of the A allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea Sector harvested 18,545MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 122,775MT (270 million pounds) the A season allocation is 201,600MT leaving 78,825MT (173 million pounds) of the A season allocation to harvest. 61% of the A season is completed.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 3,883MT the A season seasonal harvest is at 33,228MT (73 million pounds) the A season harvest allocation is 50,400MT leaving 17,172MT (39 million pounds) to harvest 66% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 7,220MT the A season harvest is 54,941MT (121 million pounds). The A season allocation is 58,500MT leaving 3,559MT (7.8million lbs.) having been harvested 94% is A season is harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 3-4-23: Last week harvest was 1,378MT for the season 9,976MT leaving 40,024MT to harvest 20% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 3-4-23: The bycatch total is 8,548 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 19% leaving 37,152 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is 424 fish.

Pacific Cod: 3-4-2023: Pacific Cod fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have strong fishing. Last week harvest was 6,135MT (13.5 million pounds) includes CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 49,074MT (108 million pounds) leaving 86,760MT to harvest (191.2 million pounds). including CDQ 36.2% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,620MT last week for the season 17,505MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 12,459MT to harvest, 58% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod Trawl: This fishery will be opened on January 20,2023, with the A season allocation of 50,722MT. (111.9 million pounds) We had a harvest through March 4th last week 3,880MT total. The Amendment 80 sector,763MT At Sea 279MT and CV sector 2,838MT A season harvest stands at 19,843MT (43.7 million pounds) leaving 14,236MT (31.3 million pounds) of A season trawl cod to harvest 39% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,336MT leaving 27MT cod allocation to harvest, 99% of the seasonal allocation was harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 163MT was harvested last week of A season Cod, for the season 454 MT. The A season remaining allocation is 469MT 49% of the A season allocation of 923MT has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 5,087MT leaving 5,047MT of B season allocation to harvest 50% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 414MT last week for the season 2,650MT from an allocation of 14,534MT leaving 11,884MT 19% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 748MT leaving 748MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 3-4-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is off to a slow start this A season. The harvest last week was 8,367MT (18.4 million pounds) a 900MT more than last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 47,450MT (104 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 22,480MT, Rock Sole 5,832MT Alaska Plaice,1,832MT, Flathead Sole 2,967MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 353MT, Kamchatka Flounder 13MT other Flatfish 524MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,686MT Atka Mackerel 5,666MT, Octopus,62MT Skate 7,031MT Greenland Turbot, 2MT and Sablefish Trawl 14MT.

Pacific Cod State Water 58'< Pot Cod Fishery: 3-13-2023: Pacific Cod 58'< fishery got off to a good start on January 23, 2023.fishing has been strong all season. The total allocation Dutch Harbor sub-district is fishery is 38.3 million pounds, with 25 vessels participating so far, that number has increase as of Pot Cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska are completed. The landings through this morning are at 251, for 20.5 million pounds harvested leaving 17.8 million pounds to harvest 54% of the harvest has been taken. I understand that that there are tenders on the grounds to assist in getting cod to the local plants allowing harvesters to stay on the grounds longer.

Golden King Crab Fisheries 3-13-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There were no Golden King Crab landings made from the Eastern District last week for 179,845lbs. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had thirty-seven landings for 2,510,864lbs. leaving 477,136lbs. to harvest 84% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there were four small landing last week,179,054lbs the season total is thirty-nine landings from the Western District, 1,645,458lbs. leaving 84,596lbs to harvest 95% of the Western District harvest is complete. There have been six CDQ landings from the Eastern District for 312,898lbs. leaving 19,102lbs. to harvest 94% of the CDQ allocation

has been harvested. The total harvest including CDQ is at 4,468,322lbs. we have 580,834lbs to harvest 85% of the total Golden King Crab allocation has been taken. 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 3-13-2023: There were 2 Tanner Crab landings all from the Eastern District last week. We have had 51 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 921,920lbs. leaving 124,780bs.to harvest, 88% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had eight small landings for a total of 61 landings, last week harvest was 52,796lbs, totals harvest stands at 687,733lbs. leaving 77,267lbs. to harvest 90% the allocation has been harvested. There has been three Eastern District CDQ landings, the poundage amount is confidential. The Western District CDQ landings are at five landings 85,000lbs., leaving 0lbs to harvest 100% of the allocation has been harvested. Eastern/Western Bering Sea Tanner crab total allocation is set at 2.0 million pounds including CDQ harvest leaving 254,843lbs to harvest, 87% of the 2.0 million allocations has been harvested.

Halibut IFQ 3-13-2023: This Fishery opened on March 10th no landings reported as of this morning, the IFQ allocation is 17.8 million pounds. The CDQ allocation for the 6 CDQ groups is 1.18 million pounds.

Sablefish IFQ 3-13-2013: This Fishery opened on March 10th no landings reported as of this morning. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds.

Regards

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Attachments:

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

