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Subject: Fishery Update Memo

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 2-25-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 3-6-23.

The last five weeks of Pollock fishing continues to be strong 303,563MT (669 million pounds) have been harvested by all four sectors. The information Pollock size is improving, and Roe quality has improved as well. The fleet has strong fishing 54% of the A season Pollock harvest is completed the season could be over the third week of March. Pacific Cod fishing has been very good the federal pot cod fishery has all closed having harvested their allocations in two weeks the Freezer Longline CP have had strong fishing they have harvested almost 15,000MT since January 1st and the trawl sector fishing has picked up, they harvested 4,600MT last week and have over 15,000MT harvested since January 20th. The total cod harvest from January 1st is at 42,939MT (94 million pounds). The State Water Pot Cod 58' < under is going strong with 16.3 million pounds harvested in the past three weeks and still have 21.9 million pounds to harvest. The Tanner crab fishery had a slow week with only 25,000lbs. landed last week, leaving, and estimated 334,000lbs to harvest from the East and West Districts. The Golden King Crab Fishery had one delivery last week of only 179,845lbs. for the week. There is still and 650,621lbs of Golden King Crab to harvest. The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fishery is still slow with only 7,459MT (16.4 million pounds) of various Sole, Perch and Mackerel landed for last week for the season they are at 39,000MT (86 million pounds) harvested.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 2-25-2023: the A season harvest last week was 78,364MT (159 million pounds) 3,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest. The season totals are 393,922MT harvested (868 million pounds) leaving 1,587,028MT (3.4 billion pounds) to harvest; 20% of the overall annual harvest of 1,980,950MMT (4.3 billion pounds).

Pollock: 2-25-2023: the Pollock B season open on January 20th. Last week we had a harvest of 62,027MT (136 million lbs.). The total A season harvest is at 303,563MT (669 million pounds) leaving 259,896MT (572 million pounds) to harvest, 54% of the A season

allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has the largest share of the A season harvest to date 121,967MT. (268 million pounds).

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 22,772MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 121,967MT (268 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 130,033MT (286 million lbs.) of A season to harvest, with 48% of the A allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea Sector harvested 22,512MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 104,231MT (229 million pounds) the A season allocation is 201,600MT leaving 97,369MT (214 million pounds) of the A season allocation to harvest. 52% of the A season is completed.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 6,542MT the A season seasonal harvest is at 29,345MT (64 million pounds) the A season harvest allocation is 50,400MT leaving 21,055MT (46 million pounds) to harvest 58% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 10,200MT the A season harvest is 47,721MT(104 million pounds). The A season allocation is 58,500MT leaving 10,779MT (23 million lbs.) having been harvested 82% is A season is harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 2-25-23: Last week harvest was 1,811MT for the season 8,594MT leaving 41,406MT to harvest 17% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 2-25-23: The bycatch total is 7,968 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 17% leaving 37,732 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is 401 fish.

Pacific Cod: 2-25-2023: 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 7,024MT (15.4 million pounds) from the total allocation of 135,834MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 42,939MT (94.6 million pounds) leaving 92,895MT to harvest (204.7 million pounds). including CDQ 31.6% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,755MT last week for the season 15,840MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 14,105MT to harvest, 52% 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 February 25th, last week 4,644MT total. The Amendment 80 sector,704MT At Sea 168MT and CV sector 3,772MT A season harvest stands at 15,963MT (35.1 million pounds) leaving 18,116MT (39.9 million pounds) of A season trawl cod to harvest 31% 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 41MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 291 MT. The A season remaining allocation is 1,519MT 16% of the A season allocation of 1,810MT 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 585MT last week for the season 2,236MT from an allocation of 14,534MT leaving 12,298MT 15% 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 2-25-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is off to a slow start this A season. The harvest last week was 7,459MT (16.4 million pounds) a 700MT more than last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 39,083MT (86.1 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 17,862MT, Rock Sole 5,434MT Alaska Plaice,1,635MT, Flathead Sole 2,776MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 303MT, Kamchatka Flounder 11MT other Flatfish 430MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,470MT Atka Mackerel 4,000MT, Octopus,55MT Skate 6,091MT Greenland Turbot, 2MT and Sablefish Trawl 14MT.

Pacific Cod State Water 58'< Pot Cod Fishery: 3-6-2023: 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 203, for 16.3 million pounds harvested leaving 21.9 million pounds to harvest 57% 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 3-6-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There were one 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 no landing last week, the season total is thirty-five landings from the Western District, 1,551,000lbs. leaving 173,485lbs to harvest 90% 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 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 3-6-2023: There were no Tanner Crab landings all from the Eastern District last week. We have had 49 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 843,087lbs. leaving 203,613bs.to harvest, 81% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had 5 small landings for a total of 53 landings, last week harvest was 25,137lbs, totals harvest stands at 634,937lbs. leaving 130,063lbs. to harvest 83% the allocation has been harvested. There has been two Eastern District CDQ landings, the poundage amount is confidential. The Western District CDQ landings are at four landings 68,850 lbs., leaving 16,150lbs to harvest 81% of the allocation has been harvested. 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

