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From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Subject: Fishery Update Memo

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 4-8-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 4-17-23.

We have entered a slow period for fishing activity in the Bering Sea until the Pollock B season opens on June 10th. We should start seeing some activity will processors and harvesters start to arrive during the last week of May. The B season allocation which is 60% of the overall Pollock allocation of 1.3 million Metric tons. The B season allocation comes in at 780,000MT in pounds (1.7 billion pounds) Unalaska shoreside allocation is 248,000MT in pounds (547 million) for the four local plants. There is still 21,000MT of A season allocation left there might be a few tons landed next week. I expect some of the A season left over quota to be harvested in late May. The A season does not close until June 10th at noon, this extra time will allow shoreside catcher vessels to scout around for good areas to fish for the B season starts on June 10th. We will still see in the next few weeks some Halibut and Sablefish landings coming to the shore plants and crew changes and offloads by the freezer longline catcher processors and the Amendment 80 Bottom trawl catcher processors as well.

The Pollock A season opened on January 20th. Last week we had a harvest of 9,818MT (21.6 million lbs.) That was a 19,000MT reduction from the previous week's harvest. The total A season harvest is at 547,397MT (1.20 billion pounds) leaving 21,219MT (46.7 million pounds) to harvest 96.3% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The onshore catcher vessel sector has the largest share of the A season harvest to date 237,118MT. (522 million pounds).

Pacific Cod fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have had strong fishing. Last week's harvest was 2,127MT (4.6 million pounds) includes CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 72,162MT (159 million pounds) leaving 68,498MT to harvest (150 million pounds). including CDQ 53% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested. Pacific Cod 58' < State Water fishery got off to a good start on January 23, 2023. fishing has been strong all season. The fishery closed at noon on Friday April 7, 2023, at noon. The total allocation Dutch Harbor sub-district is fishery is 38.3 million pounds, with 26 vessels participating. The fishing in this pot cod fishery has remained strong for most of the

season. The final landings through this morning are at 437, for 37.5 million pounds harvested leaving 761,374lbs. unharvested this year 98% of the state water harvest was taken.

Halibut IFQ 4-17-2023: This Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning, 338 landings for 1.41 million pounds. and leaving 16.4 million pounds to harvest 7.8% of the fishery is complete. Fishing has been slow, and the harvesters have a lot of harsh weather. The CDQ harvest is still confidential currently. The IFQ allocation is 17.8 million pounds. The CDQ allocation for the 6 CDQ groups is 1.18 million pounds of Halibut. The leading port for Halibut landings is Juneau with 370,947 lbs. and Homer 216,183lbs. Halibut ex-vessel prices for Halibut are in the \$6.00 to \$6.50 range depending on size.

Sablefish IFQ 4-17-2023: This Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning show 319 for 7.3 million lbs. leaving 54.6 million pounds to harvest 12% of the allocation has been harvested. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds. Landings by port are still confidential. The leading Port for Sablefish landings is Seward 767,133lbs and Juneau at 551,140lbs. Sablefish prices range depending on size \$1.50-\$7.00 for large fish, we understand the fleet is harvesting many 1-2- and 2-3-pound fish which is driving down ex-vessel value.

ADFG Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 4-17-23 as of this morning 45 landings for 794,445lbs. leaving 1.11 million pounds to harvest 58% of the allocation remains to be harvested.

All the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island King Crab and Tanner Crab fisheries are closed and 100% of the allocation were harvested. In May, the North Peninsula Dungeness Crab Fisheries open and the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab in the Aleutians will reopen on August 1, 2023.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 4-8-2023: the A season harvest last week was 24,587MT (54 million pounds) 20,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest due to the Pollock, Cod harvests being completed. The season totals are 723,571MT harvested (1.59 billion pounds) leaving 1,263,714MT (2.78 billion pounds) to harvest; 36% of the overall annual harvest of 1,987,285MMT (4.37 billion pounds) to harvest.

Pollock: 4-8-2023: the Pollock A season opened on January 20th. Last week we had a harvest of 9,818MT (21.6 million lbs.) That was a 19,000MT reduction from the previous week's harvest. The total A season harvest is at 547,397MT (1.20 billion pounds) leaving 21,219MT (46.7 million pounds) to harvest 96.3% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has the largest share of the A season harvest to date 237,118MT. (522 million pounds).

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 7,808MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 237,118MT (522 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 17,717MT

(39 million lbs.) of A season to harvest, with 93% of the A allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea Sector harvested 398MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 201,118MT (443 million pounds) the A season allocation is 201,600MT leaving 2,816MT (4.8 million pounds) of the A season allocation to harvest. 99% of the A season is completed.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 1,663MT the A season seasonal harvest is at 50,281MT (110 million pounds) the A season harvest allocation is 50,400MT leaving 686MT (1.5 million pounds) to harvest 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 0MT the A season harvest is 58,945MT (129.9 million pounds). The A season allocation is 58,500MT leaving -445MT (-980,780 lbs.) having been harvested 101% is A season is harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 4-8-23: Last week's harvest was 1,578MT for the season 20,261MT leaving 29,739MT to harvest 41% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 4-8-23: The bycatch total is 10,566 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 23% leaving 35,134 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is 471 fish.

Pacific Cod: 4-8-2023: Pacific Cod fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have strong fishing. Last week's harvest was 2,127MT (4.6 million pounds) includes CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 72,162MT (159 million pounds) leaving 68,498MT to harvest (150 million pounds). including CDQ 53% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,172MT last week for the season 24,161MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 5,802MT to harvest, 82% 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 April 8, 2023, last week 507MT total. The Amendment 80 sector,295MT At Sea 3MT and CV sector 209MT A season harvest stands at 28,480MT (62.7 million pounds) leaving 7,719MT (17.0 million pounds) of A season trawl cod to harvest 56% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The CV trawl sector B season will reopen on April 13 to harvest and additional 2,200MT of trawl cod hopefully there will be enough vessels to harvest that amount.

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 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod, for the season 828MT. The A season remaining allocation is 95MT 90% 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 448MT last week for the season 5,200MT from an allocation of 14,534MT leaving 9,270MT 38% 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 4-8-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is off to a slow start this A season. The harvest last week was 12,137MT (26.7 million pounds) a 7,000MT increase over last week’s harvest mainly due to the increase in Yellowfin Sole harvest. The total harvest stands 87,380MT (192 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 35,380MT, Rock Sole 11,416MT Alaska Plaice, 4,860MT, Flathead Sole 4,567MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 552MT, Kamchatka Flounder 37MT other Flatfish 756MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 2,250MT Atka Mackerel 17,383MT, Octopus, 103MT Skate 10,021MT Greenland Turbot, 4MT and Sablefish Trawl 51MT.

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Golden King Crab Fisheries 4-17-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. The fishery is now closed. There were no 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 forty-two landings for 2,989,060lbs. with the harvest at -1,060lbs. over the allocation 100% 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 forty-three landings from the Western District, 1,729,215lbs. leaving 785 lbs. to harvest 100% of the Western District harvest is complete. There have been seven CDQ landings from the Eastern District for 332,000lbs. leaving 0lbs. to harvest 100% of the CDQ allocation has been harvested. The total harvest including CDQ is 5,050,275lbs. 100% of the total Golden

King Crab allocation has been taken. 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 4-17-2023: The fishery closed on March 31 by regulation. There were no Tanner Crab landings from all from the Eastern District last week. We have had 67 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 1,048,597lbs. leaving - 1,187lbs. to harvest, 100% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had no landings last week, the season total of sixty-eight landings, the total harvest stands at 762,401lbs. leaving 2,599lbs. to harvest 100% the allocation has been harvested. There have been six Eastern District CDQ landings, 116,300lbs leaving 0lbs. to harvest 100%. Of the allocation has been taken. 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 2,027,223 lbs. leaving 2,599lbs. including CDQ harvest ,100% of the 2.03 million allocations has been harvested. The fishing is closed by regulation on March 31,2023.

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