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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for June 12, 2023, Harvest Data and NOAA Reports

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 6-3-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery State Water Sablefish and IFQ Halibut and Sablefish, for 6-12-23.

We continue in the slow period for fishing activity in the Bering Sea until the Pollock B season opens on Saturday June 10th at noon. Last week groundfish harvest was only 7,741MT (17.0 million lbs.) we should start seeing increased activity soon with processors and harvesters have started to arrive during this past week. 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 19,277MT (41 million pounds) of A season Pollock allocation left the majority of that is in the shore side catcher vessel sector. I expect some of the A season left over quota to harvest in late May which did happen last week.

The B season opened at noon, on Saturday last week we did see 348MT of A Season Pollock delivered last by the shore side CV who were scouting around before the B season start. We should have Pollock B season landings today in Unalaska. 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 Pacific Cod freezer longline catcher processors, and the Amendment 80 Bottom trawl catcher processors as well during this slow period.

All crab BSAI fisheries are now closed. The North Peninsula Dungeness crab fishery opened on May 1st catch is small so far 23,000lbs. and the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fisheries re-opens on August 1st, 2023.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-3-2023: Overall Groundfish Harvest through 6-23-2023: the A season harvest last week was 7,741MT (17.9 million pounds) 2,000MT decrease over the previous week's harvest due decrease in Yellowfin Sole harvest. The season totals are 814,254MT harvested (1.79 billion pounds) leaving 1,172,031MMT (2.58 billion pounds) to harvest; 41% of the overall annual harvest of 1,986,285MMT (4.37 billion pounds) to harvest.

Pollock: 6-3-2023: Pollock A season opened on January 20th. Last week we had 348MT from the inshore sector harvest. The total A season harvest is at 549,675MT (1.21 billion pounds) leaving 18,929MT (41.7 million pounds) to harvest 97.6% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has the largest share of the A season harvest to date 239,396MT. (527 million pounds).

Inshore CV: The harvested last week was 348MT the seasonal harvest is 239,396MT (527 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 15,439MT (34.0 million pounds) of A season to harvest, with 94% of the A allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: The fleet harvested 0MT last week, there 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. Ninety-nine percent of the A season harvest is completed.

Mothership Sector: The harvested last week was 0MT 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: The 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 has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 6-3-23: Last week's harvest was 134MT for the season 30,585MT leaving 19,849MT to harvest 61% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 6-3-23: The bycatch total is 10,606 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 23% leaving 35,093 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. There was no Chinook bycatch last week. The Chum salmon, the season total is 451 fish.

Pacific Cod: 6-3-2023: the fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have also slowed down. Last week's harvest was only 654MT (1.4 million pounds) including CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 83,321MT (183 million pounds) leaving 58,226MT to harvest (128.3 million pounds). including CDQ 62% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 237MT last week for the season 29,542MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 381MT to harvest, 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested by this sector. The B season allocation for this sector starts on June 10,2023 with 28,750MT to harvest (63.3 million lbs.).

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 June 3, 2023, last week 147MT. The Amendment 80 sector, 124MT At Sea 23MT and CV sector 0MT A season harvest stands at 33,242MT (73.2 million pounds) leaving 3,037MT (6.6 million pounds) of A season trawl cod to harvest 65.9 % 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 have 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 270MT last week for the season 6,645MT from an allocation of 14,470MT leaving 7,825MT 49% of the CDQ harvest have 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 6-3-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is seeing better fishing and weather that is increasing their catch. The harvest last week was 10,623MT (23.4 million pounds) a 3,000MT increase over last week's harvest due to the decrease in Yellowfin Sole harvest, and vessels in Unalaska doing offloads. The total harvest stands 155,400MT (333 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 63,259MT, Rock Sole 21,402MT Alaska Plaice, 7,862MT, Flathead Sole 4,969MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 1,597MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1,687MT other Flatfish 1,849MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 7,089MT Atka Mackerel 27,519MT, Octopus, 77MT Skate 12,861MT Greenland Turbot, 297MT and Sablefish Trawl 932MT.

Halibut IFQ 6-12-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning, 1,123 landings for 4.98 million pounds. and leaving 13.2 million lbs. to harvest 27.3% of the fishery is complete. Fishing has been slow, and the harvesters have had harsh weather. The CDQ harvest is still confidential currently. The IFQ allocation is 17.2 million pounds. The CDQ allocation for the 6 CDQ groups is 1.18 million pounds of Halibut for a total of 18.2 million pounds. The leading port for Halibut landings is Homer with 836,799lbs. and Juneau 614,577lbs. Halibut ex-vessel prices for Halibut are in the \$6.00 to \$6.50 range depending on size.

Sablefish IFQ 6-12-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning show 965 landings for 19.6 million lbs. leaving 42.3 million pounds to harvest 30% of the allocation have been harvested. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds. The leading Port for Sablefish landings is Seward 3.6million lbs. and Kodiak at 2.5 million lbs. Sablefish prices range depending on size \$0.50-\$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 6-12-23: as of this morning eighty -three landing landings for 1,062 million lbs. harvested leaving 844,111lbs. to harvest, 56% of the allocation 1.9 million pounds has been harvested. There are fourteen vessels registered for this fishery.

North Peninsula Dungeness Crab 6-12-23: this fishery is just getting started there have been seven landings for 23,574 lbs. from six vessels.

Misc. Items: North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting ended on Sunday afternoon June 11th in Sitka. I returned home late last night. I will have a report on the meeting on Tuesday and will attach all the motions the Council adopted.

Regards

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Attachments:

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