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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for July,24 2023, Harvest Data and NOAA Reports

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 7-15-2023, 58'< Under Fishery State Water Sablefish and IFQ Halibut and Sablefish, for 7-24-23.

Activity in the community continues to be strong with the Pollock B season ongoing, at a fast clip. The total groundfish harvest last week increased to 62,104MT (136 million lbs.) due to the Pollock fishery having four straight weeks of overall harvest of over 50,000MT and five full weeks of harvest at 268,000MT 590 million pounds of 38% of the B season harvest is complete. The shore-based Catcher Vessel fleet lead the way last week with a Pollock harvest of 25,033MT (55 million lbs.)

The size of the Pollock continues to be good for the Pollock harvesters with fish sizes in the medium range of 550–650-gram range fish. We should see an increase in the next few weeks on Halibut and Sablefish landings as of now the landings are confidential coming to the local shore-plants. The crew changes and offloads by the Pacific Cod freezer longline fleet and the Amendment 80 Bottom trawl catcher processors as well will continue during the summer.

All crab BSAI fisheries are now closed. The North Peninsula Dungeness crab fishery opened on May 1st catch is small so far 220,476lbs. and the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fisheries re-opens on August 1st, 2023.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 7-15-2023: Overall Groundfish Harvest for the last week for the fifth full week of the B season 62,104MT 136.8 million pounds) 3,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest due decrease in Pollock harvest. The season totals are 1.130 MMT harvested (2.49 billion pounds) leaving 855,907MT (1.88 billion pounds) to harvest; 57% of the overall annual harvest of 1,986,285MMT (4.37 billion pounds) to harvest.

Pollock: 7-15-2023: Last week we had 55,427 (122 million lbs.) The total B season harvest is 268,065MT (590 million lbs.) for all four harvesting sectors. For the seasonal harvest 817,740MT (1.80 billion pounds) leaving 446,760MT (979 million pounds)

unharvested 62.8% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested. The B season harvest 268,065MT (590 million lbs.) from 695,475MT leaving 427,410MT (942 million lbs.) to harvest 38.5% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: The harvested last week was 25,033MT from the B season allocation which puts the B season allocation at 112,939MT harvested (248 million lbs.) The seasonal harvest is 355,418MT (783 million lbs.) the B season allocation is 311,465MT leaving 210,882MT (464 million lbs.) of B season to harvest, with 36% of the B allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: The At Sea fleet harvested 20,691MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 324,359MT (714 million lbs.) the B season allocation is 249,172MT (549 million lbs.) leaving 128,681MT (283 million pounds) of the B Season allocation to harvest. 49% of the B season harvest is completed.

Mothership Sector: The harvested last week was 2,123MT the seasonal harvest is at 62,754MT (138 million pounds) the B season harvest allocation is 62,293MT leaving 50,506MT (111 million lbs.) to harvest 20% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: The harvested last week was 7,581MT the seasonal harvest is 75,209MT (165million pounds). The B season allocation is 72,545MT (159 million lbs.) leaving 56,691MT (124 million lbs.) having been harvested 22% of the B season Pollock allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 7-15-23: Last week's harvest was 222MT for the season 31,976MT leaving 18,324MT to harvest 64% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 7-15-23: The bycatch total is 11,155 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 24% leaving 34,545 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. The Chum salmon, the season total is 16,627 fish last week the fleet a had a big spike in Chum bycatch.

Pacific Cod: 7-15-2023: 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 1,448MT (3.1 million pounds) including CDQ harvest. The A/B season harvest is at 91,891MT (202 million pounds) leaving 49,667MT to harvest (109 million pounds). including CDQ 67% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,290MT last week for the B season harvest of 29,825MT leaving the B season allocation at 19,894MT to harvest, 31% of the B season allocation has been harvested by this sector. The total A/B season catch is 38,778MT 66% of the seasonal harvest has been taken leaving 19,894MT. to harvest.

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 July 15, 2023, last week 152MT mostly as bycatch in the Pollock fishery. The Amendment 80 sector, 77MT At Sea 10MT and CV sector 65MT A/B season harvest stands at 34,640MT (76.3 million pounds) leaving 10,761MT (23.7 million pounds) of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 69% of the AB 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 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 of 4MT last week for the season 7,396MT from an allocation of 14,470MT leaving 7,138MT 50.0 % 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 7-15-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is slow with decreased catch of Sole species as it does during the summer fishing season. Last week's catch was 4,880MT (10.7 million pounds) a 200MT increase over last week's harvest due to an increase in Perch and Mackerel harvests. The total harvest stands 185,904MT (409 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 65,104MT, Rock Sole 21,618MT Alaska Plaice, 7,926MT, Flathead Sole 6,350MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 4,165MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,207MT other Flatfish 2,431MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 18,059MT Atka Mackerel 36,858MT, Octopus 124MT Skate 15,992MT Greenland Turbot, 720MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,350MT.

Halibut IFQ 7-24-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning, 1,660 landings for 7.08 million pounds. and leaving 10.7 million lbs. to harvest 40% of the fishery is complete. The harvesters have been getting better weather to fish, but fishing is still terribly slow. The CDQ harvest is still confidential currently. The IFQ allocation is 17.2 million pounds. The CDQ allocation for the 6 CDQ groups is at 42 landings for 77,658 lbs. leaving 1.10 million pounds of Halibut to harvest 7% of the harvest has been taken. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska, but the totals are still confidential. The leading port for Halibut landings is Homer with 1.35 million lbs. and Seward, 776,316lbs. Halibut ex-vessel prices for Halibut are in the \$5.50 to \$6.50 range depending on size.

Sablefish IFQ 7-24-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning show 1,170 landings for 23.1 million lbs. leaving 38.8 million pounds to harvest 37% of the allocation have been harvested. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds. The leading Port for Sablefish landings is Seward at 4.06 million lbs. and Kodiak at 2.92 million lbs. Landings of Sablefish have been made in Unalaska, but the totals are still confidential. 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 values.

ADFG Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish and Aleutian Island State Water Pacific Cod 7-24-23: as of this morning 102 landing landings for 1.28 million lbs. harvested, leaving 625,235lbs. to harvest, 67% from the allocation 1.9 million pounds has been harvested. There are twenty vessels registered for this fishery. The Pacific Cod Aleutians Islands State water fishery is at 140 landings for 9.9 million lbs. from and allocation 11.8 million lbs. leaving 1.9 million lbs. to harvest 84% of the harvest is complete.

North Peninsula Dungeness Crab 7-24-23: since this fishery started in May, fishing has been awfully slow, there have been twenty-two landings for 220,478 lbs. from nine vessels.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery 7-24-23: This fishery opened on June 24,2023 at noon. The allocation is set at 4,322 Short Tons (8.6 million lbs.) There have been four landings, with one landing last week. The catch is estimated to be between 500,000-600,000lbs, from the one vessel registered to fish. Fishing continues to be poor. The actual catch amounts are still confidential. This fishery is managed out of the Sand Point ADFG office.

Misc. Items: Not a lot to report ADFG are still reviewing the Crab Disaster spend plan comments we do not know if they will have a meeting after they review all the comment letters. ADFG is also planning for a second round of comments as well I do not know the time or due date yet, for the second round of comment letters. The Pollock B season is at 40% complete if the fleet continues to harvest 50,000MT per week the season could be over in mid-September. The Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab season will open next Tuesday ADFG has four vessels registered the allocation is right at 5.0 million lbs. combined for the Eastern and Western Districts. Unalaska should see the first landing in mid -August.

Regards

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Attachments:

- 1.Fishery Update Memo
- 2.Groundfish Harvest Data

3.NOAA Reports