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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for June 26, 2023, Harvest Data and NOAA Reports

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 6-24-2023, 58' < Under Fishery State Water Sablefish and IFQ Halibut and Sablefish, for 7-4-23.

Activity is picking up in the community with the Pollock B season underway fishing last week was strong. Last week groundfish harvest increased to 66,000MT (146 million lbs.) due to the Pollock fishery getting a full week of fishing. The Pollock fleet harvested 57,000MT last week 125 million pounds. The At Sea fleet's catcher processors lead the way on Pollock harvest last week with a harvest of 30,000MT (66,000 million lbs.)

The size of the Pollock was good for the Pollock catcher vessels, fish size was medium in the 550–650-gram range. We will see an increase in the next few weeks on Halibut and Sablefish landings 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 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 124,000lbs. and the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fisheries re-opens on August 1st, 2023.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-24-2023: Overall Groundfish Harvest for the last week for the second full week of the B season 66,318MT (220.8 million pounds) 20,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest due decrease in Pollock harvest. The season totals are 946,697MT harvested (2.08 billion pounds) leaving 1,039,588MMT (2.29 billion pounds) to harvest; 48% of the overall annual harvest of 1,986,285MMT (4.37 billion pounds) to harvest.

Pollock: 6-24-2023: Last week we had 57,273MT (126 million lbs.) The total B season harvest is 105,673MT (232 million lbs.) for all four harvesting sectors. For the seasonal harvest 655,348MT (1.4 billion pounds) leaving 609,152MT (1.34 billion pounds) unharvested 46.8% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested. The B season

harvest 105,673MT (232million lbs.) from 695,475MT leaving 589,802MT (1.29 billion lbs.) to harvest 15.1% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: The harvested last week was 23,825MT from the B season allocation which puts the B season allocation at 43,454MT harvested 95 million lbs.) The seasonal harvest is 285,933MT (566 million lbs.) the B season allocation is 311,465MT leaving 280,367MT (617 million lbs.) of B season to harvest, with 14% of the B allocation having been taken.

At Sea Processors: The At Sea fleet harvested 30,761MT last week, the largest amount of the week, the seasonal harvest is 285,9330MT (630 million lbs.) the B season allocation is 249,172MT (549 million lbs.) leaving 268,011MT (432 million pounds) of the B Season allocation to harvest.21% of the B season harvest is completed.

Mothership Sector: The harvested last week was 2,379MT the season seasonal harvest is at 55,477MT (122 million pounds) the B season harvest allocation is 62,293MT leaving 57,097MT (125 million lbs.) to harvest 8% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: The harvested last week was 307MT the seasonal harvest is 59,946MT (132 million pounds). The B season allocation is 72,545MT (158 million lbs.) leaving 71,544MT (157 million lbs.) having been harvested 1% of the B season Pollock has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 6-24-23: Last week's harvest was 267MT for the season 3,393MT leaving 18,907MT to harvest 64% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch 6-24-23: The bycatch total is 11,088 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 24% leaving 34,612 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. The Chum salmon, the season total 1,062 fish last week.

Pacific Cod: 6-24-2023: 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 2,293MT (5.0 million pounds) including CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 88,708MT (195 million pounds) leaving 54,730MT to harvest (120.6 million pounds). including CDQ 65.1% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 2,101MT last week for the B season harvest of 28,750MT leaving the B season allocation at 24,344MT to harvest, 15% of the B season allocation has been harvested by this sector. The total A/B season catch is 34,321MT 58% of the seasonal harvest has been taken leaving 21,441 lbs. 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 June 24,

2023, last week 180MT. The Amendment 80 sector, 134MT At Sea 7MT and CV sector 39MT A/B season harvest stands at 34,183MT (75.3 million pounds) leaving 11,118MT (24.5 million pounds) of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 68% 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 11MT last week for the season 7,081MT from an allocation of 14,470MT leaving 7,222MT 49.1 % 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 6-24-2023: The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is slowing way down. Last week's catch was 11,474MT (25.2 million pounds) and 5,500MT increase over last week's harvest due to increase in Mackerel and Perch harvests. The total harvest stands 175,343MT (386million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 65,092MT, Rock Sole 21,596MT Alaska Plaice, 7,921MT, Flathead Sole 5,759MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,043MT, Kamchatka Flounder 3,406MT other Flatfish 2,267MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,13,718MT Atka Mackerel 35,5261MT, Octopus 102MT Skate 14,575MT Greenland Turbot, 550MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,788MT.

Halibut IFQ 7-4-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning, 1,401landings for 6.1 million pounds. and leaving 11.7 million lbs. to harvest 34% of the fishery is complete. The harvesters have had some better weather so harvests should be improving. 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 1.2 million lbs. and Seward, 656,227lbs. Halibut ex-vessel prices for Halibut are in the \$5.50 to \$6.50 range depending on size.

Sablefish IFQ 7-4-2023: The Fishery opened on March 10th landings reported as of this morning show 1,084 landings for 21.5 million lbs. leaving 40.5 million pounds to harvest 35% of the allocation have been harvested. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds. The leading Port for Sablefish landings is Seward 3.86 million lbs. and Kodiak at 2.86 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 7-4-23: as of this morning eighty -nine landing landings for 1.17million lbs. harvested, leaving 732,183 lbs. to harvest, 62% of the allocation 1.907 million pounds has been harvested. There are seventeen vessels registered for this fishery.

North Peninsula Dungeness Crab 7-4-23: this fishery is just getting started there have been fifteen landings for 124,738 lbs. from seven vessels.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery7-4-23: This fishery opened on June 24,2023 at noon. The allocation is set at 4,322Short Tons (8.6 million lbs.) There have been no landings reported yet, or they are still confidential. No word on how many seiners have registered for the fishery this which is managed out of the Sand Point ADFG office.

Misc. Items: I will be attending another Ad Hoc Crab Disaster \$191million dollar spend plan allocation meeting on Wednesday to see if the various sectors could come to agreement on percentages. The communities are holding together at 7% of the 191 million (\$13.7 million dollars) off the top, and additional 1% of the top for Saint Paul Island since their economy has been devastated with the Snow Crab fishery closure.

Regards

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Attachments:

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