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To: Chris Hladick, Bill Homka, Marjorie Veeder, Michelle Price:

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities Memo and Fishery Articles for the week ending on March 15, 2023.

There isn't a lot to report the week didn't have to attend in major meeting the past week. I have attached and included the ADFG Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting report card on the actions taken at the February 20-27-2023 meeting on the Area M salmon issue. The BOF also had another Statewide Finfish meeting from March 10th -13th 2023 the main issues at this meeting was to come up with a plan to help the Nushagak River King Salmon to make there escapement goals during the large Sockeye Salmon runs in June and July from what I understand they will be restricting Sockeye Salmon fishing at certain to allow for more King Salmon escapement. Over 350 folks testified on this agenda item which is of critical important to the Subsistence users in Dillingham area.

I have also attached the North Pacific Council April meeting agenda which will be held in Anchorage. Not a lot of issues that effect Unalaska at this meeting. The Council will be receiving all the salmon bycatch reports from the Pollock fleet cooperatives. The Council will be spending a lot of time on the Cook Inlet federal water salmon harvest issues. They will receive reports on the Local Traditional Knowledge Task Force, the Climate Change Taskforce. The Council will also review the Groundfish and Crab Economic SAFE reports. They will approve the Scallop Safe report and the OFL and ABC amounts for the 2023 fishery. ADFG will set the TAC amount for Scallops. The Council will take final action on the harvest of Greenland Turbot with Pot Gear; and will review recommendation from the Groundfish Plans December meetings report. In Staff tasking the Council will review the Ecosystem Committee report, and clarification on Captain and Crew Shares analysis an alternative.

The Councils Salmon bycatch committee will meet on March 20-21-2023 in Anchorage for there second meeting. I have attached the agenda and Zoom links to the meeting and some salmon bycatch information. Lastly, I have attached some fishery articles for the week for your review.

Regards

Frank Kelty

Attachments:

1. Fishery Activity Memo
2. State of Alaska Board Fisheries Area M Meeting Report
3. NPFMC April 6-11,2023 Anchorage, Meeting
4. Salmon Bycatch Meeting Information March 20-21-2023
5. Fishery Articles for the week.