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To: City Manager Bil Homka, Marjorie Veeder, Patricia Soule, Karen Magdaong, and Michelle Price, Mayor Vince, and City Council Members

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 29, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 1-20-2024 Crab Harvest Data 1-29-2024.

Fishery activity in Unalaska continues to increase with most of the A season groundfish fisheries just starting up. We had only one day of Pollock fishing last week for 4,800MT (10 million lbs.) harvest. Pacific Cod fixed gear and trawl harvested 4,122MT (3.7million lbs.) last week. On February 1, 2024, the State water 60' < pot cod fishery opens for 44 million pounds we expect about 20 vessels to work that fishery. The fishing effort is down on many of the Cod fisheries due to low ex-vessel prices.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers had one day of fishing the stands 1,482MT (3.2 million lbs.) of various species of Sole, Mackerel, Perch, Rockfish, Turbot and Skate. Turbot. The Crab harvesters are just getting back fishing again for Tanner Crab, and Golden King Crab we have seen three deliveries last week. Golden King Crab still has 380,000lbs to harvest, The Tanner harvest has Western, and Eastern Districts has 1,055 million lbs. to harvest.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 1-29-24: The fishery opens on Tuesday August 1, 2023, at noon. There were four vessels registered to fish. The Eastern District allocation including CDQ is 3.7 million lbs. the Western District allocation including the City of Adak allocation is 1.8 million lbs. for a total allocation of 5.3 million lbs. We had a total of 69 IFQ landings for the season, forty-four landings from the Eastern District and thirty IFQ landings from the Western District. The total poundage for the Eastern District is 3.4 million lbs. with CDQ, the total landings with are estimated poundage of 3.25 million lbs.97% harvested, leaving an estimated 60,000 lbs. to harvest there were no landing from the Eastern District last week. The Western District IFQ had no landing last week. The season total is thirty-two landings for 1.56 million lbs. 85% harvested, leaving 278,000lbs.to harvest.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 1-29-24: The Tanner Crab IFQ allocation is 1.87 million pounds for both the East and Western Districts. The CDQ totals 250,000lbs lbs. for both the East and West Districts for a total allocation of 2.02 million lbs. There have been fifty-six landings with CDQ of 679,343 lbs. all from the Eastern District leaving 80,657lbs to harvest from the Eastern District 88% of the allocation has been harvested. There

have been nineteen small landings from the Western District, for 278,000lbs leaving the Western District harvest at 975,100 lbs. to harvest 26% harvested. Western Tanner has only seven vessels fishing in that area.

Pollock 1-20-2024: The Pollock fishery open on January 20th at noon we had a catch of 4,836MT (10 million lbs.) for the first day harvest leaving 557,674MT (1.2 billion lbs.) to harvest.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 2,130MT in one day of fishing one% leaving 249,870MT (550 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 1,799MT 1% and have 199,870MT (438 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest.

Mothership: this sector harvested 508MT 1% in one day of fishing leaving 49,892MT (109 million lbs.) to harvest

CDQ: this sector harvested 389MT 1% leaving 58,111MT (128 million lbs.) to harvest.

Pollock Incidental Catch: the harvest for one day of fishing was 119MT leaving 50,000MT to harvest.

Salmon Bycatch: Chinook bycatch was thirty-three fish leaving 45,677 fish remaining in the cap amount. No Chum salmon bycatch reported last week.

Pacific Cod: 1-20-2024: The fixed gear fishery opened on January 1, 2024 the trawl harvest opened on Saturday January 20, 2024. With an A season allocation of 39,144 MT (86 million lbs.) Last week's fixed gear harvest was 4,076MT (8.8 million pounds) The fixed gear fishery opened on January 1, 2024 the A season harvest with CDQ is at 94,077MT (207.3 million pounds) leaving 87,187MT to harvest (192 million pounds). Including CDQ, 7% of the Pacific Cod A season allocation of 94,077MT has been harvested. The trawl sector harvested 46MT in one day of fishing. The total cod harvest for the A season is 8,349MT (18.4million lbs.) with no CDQ harvest yet.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 2,261MT (4.9 million lbs.) last week. The A season harvests 4,237MT (9.3 million lbs.) leaving the A season allocation at 30,123MT (66.3million lbs.) to harvest, 12% of the B season allocation has been harvested by this sector.

Pacific Cod Trawl: The fixed gear fishery will open on January 20, 2024, with the A season allocation of 39,144MT. (86.2 million pounds) We had a harvest of 46MT last week through January 20th, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 44MT At Sea 1MT and CV sector 1MT A season harvest stands at 46MT (100,000lbs.) leaving 39,098MT (86million lbs.) to harvest the season. Less than 1% has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 1,376MT last week for the season 3,407MT (7.5 million lbs.) leaving 406MT cod allocation to harvest, 88% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod, for the season 1,058MT. The A season remaining allocation is 1,058MT 0% of the A season allocation of 1,058MT has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 239MT last week for the season 560MT (1.2 million lbs.) leaving 5,366MT (11.8million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 9% of the A season allocations has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 0MT last week for the season 0MT (0 million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 9,486MT leaving 9,485MT (20.9 million lbs.) 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 98MT leaving 98MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 1-20-2024: Amendment 80 sector fishing is slow with increased catch of species coming soon as the fleet arrives and get organized on grounds. Last week's harvest was increased by 900MT (1.9 million lbs.) The total harvest stands 1,482MT (3.2 million lbs.) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 61MT, Rock Sole 2MT Alaska Plaice, 6MT, Flathead Sole 108MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 28MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1MT other Flatfish 4MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,0MT Atka Mackerel 33MT, Octopus 18MT Skate 1,221MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 0MT.

Misc. Items: We had no meeting to attend last week, the NPFMC kicks off on February 6th in Seattle, WA.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data