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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 February 5, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 1-27-2024 Crab Harvest Data 2-5-2024 State Water Pacific Cod Dutch Harbor Sub District.

Fishery activity in Unalaska continues to increase with most of the A season groundfish fisheries getting geared up. The first full week of Pollock had a strong week with 47,050MT of harvest 103 million lbs. for the season 51,000MT. We have harvested 8% of the A season harvest leaving 511,174MT of A season Pollock to harvest Pacific Cod fixed gear and trawl harvested is at 11,320MT (24,949 million lbs.) 7% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 154,373MT of Pacific Cod to harvest last week.

On February 1, 2024, the State water 60' < pot cod fishery opened for 44 million pounds through February 5th we had 10 landings for a harvest of 950,000lbs. leaving 43 million lbs. to harvest. The fishing effort is down on many of the Cod fisheries due to low ex-vessel prices.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest was increased by 5,292MT (11.6 million lbs.) The total harvest stands 6,192MT (13.6 million lbs.) of various species including various species of Sole, Mackerel, Perch, Rockfish, Turbot and Skate. The Crab harvesters are just getting back fishing again for Tanner Crab, and Golden King Crab we have seen three deliveries last week on Golden King Crab Golden King Crab still has 220,000lbs to harvest, The Tanner Crab harvest of Western, and Eastern Districts has 810,000 lbs. to harvest, 730,000lbs in the Western District.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 2-5-24: 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 57 IFQ landings and CDQ for the season, from the Eastern District and thirty-three IFQ landings from the Western District. The total poundage for the Eastern District is 3.7 million lbs. with CDQ, the total landings with are estimated poundage of 3,5 million lbs.97% harvested, leaving an estimated 220,000 lbs. to harvest, there were two landing from the Eastern District last week. The Western District IFQ had no landing last week.

The season total is thirty-three landings for 1.56 million lbs. 86% harvested, leaving 246,000lbs.to harvest.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 2-5-24: 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 464,000lbs leaving the Western District harvest at 730,100 lbs. to harvest 39% harvested. Western Tanner has only seven vessels fishing in that area.

Pollock1-27-2024: The Pollock fishery opened on January 20th at noon we had a catch of 47,050MT (103 million lbs.) for the week ending January 27, 2024. The seasonal A season harvest is 51,326MT (113 million lbs.) leaving 511,174MT (1.1 billion lbs.) of A season Pollock 8% of the A season has been harvested, from the 562,500MT A season allocation.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 15,035MT last week for the season 16,616MT leaving 235,384MT (518 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 7% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 17,944MT last week and have harvested 19,742MT for the season, leaving 181,858MT (400 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 10% of the A season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 4,622MT last week for the season 5,130MT leaving 45,270MT (99 million lbs.) A season to harvest 10% of the A season has been harvested from 50,400MT.

CDQ: this sector harvested 9,449MT for the season 9,838MT leaving 48,662MT (107 million lbs.) to harvest,17% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: the harvest last week was 1,800MT for the season 1,985MT leaving 48,015MT to harvest.

Salmon Bycatch: Chinook bycatch was 441 fish leaving 45,259 fish remaining 1% of the cap has been taken. No Chum salmon bycatch reported last week.

Pacific Cod: 1-27-2024: The total cod harvest for the A season is 11,320MT (24,949 million lbs.) 7% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 154,373MT of Pacific Cod to harvest not including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 5,512MT (12.1 million lbs.) last week. Leaving the A season allocation at 28,847MT (63.5million lbs.) to harvest, 16% of the A 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 533MT for last week the season 580MT through January 27th, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 515MT At Sea 37MT and CV sector 28MT A season harvest stands at 46MT (leaving 38,564MT (84million lbs.) to harvest the season, 1.4% of the allocation have been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 792MT last week for the season 4,154MT (9.1 million lbs.) leaving -287MT cod allocation to harvest, 107% 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 269MT last week for the season 835MT (1.8 million lbs.) leaving 5,091MT (11.2million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 14% of the A season allocations has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 35MT hast week for the season 35MT (77 thousand lbs.) from an A season allocation of 9,486MT leaving 9,422MT (20.7 million lbs.) 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 98MT leaving 98MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 2-5-2024: The state water fishery has had 10 landings for 950,000lbs leaving 43,050,000lbs to harvest 2% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44 million pounds allocation.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 1-27-2024: Amendment 80 sector fishing is slow with increased catch of species coming soon as the fleet arrives and gets organized on grounds. Last week's harvest was increased by 5,292MT (11.6 million lbs.) The total harvest stands 6,192MT (13.6 million lbs.) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 2,208MT, Rock Sole 314MT Alaska Plaice, 96MT, Flathead Sole 423MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 75MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1MT other Flatfish 12MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,121MT Atka Mackerel 1,186MT, Octopus 23MT Skate 1,733MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 0MT.

Misc. Items: the NPFMC started today in Seattle, I will be monitoring the meeting via zoom through February 12th, 2024.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data
3. NPFMC February Agenda