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To: City Manager William Homka, Assistant City Manager Marjorie Veeder, Patricia Soule, Karen Magdaong, Michelle Price, Mayor Vince Tutikaoff, and Unalaska City Council Members

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for March 11, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 3-2-2024
Crab Harvest Data and State Water Pacific Cod 3-11-2024

Fishery activity in Unalaska slowed a bit last week, the harvest overall decreased 7,000MT. The sixth full week of Pollock A season had a decline of 7,000MT with 47,596MT of harvest (104 million lbs.) for the season 252,309MT (556 million lbs.) We have harvested 55% of the A season harvest. The CDQ Pollock allocation is at 84% complete the At Sea Processors, Catcher Vessels, and Mothership Sector, are all in the 50-55% range we have four more weeks until the Pollock A season is completed.

The total cod harvest last week was 5,783MT for the A season is 37,868MT (83.4 million lbs.) 22.8% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 128,201MT (282 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest is including CDQ harvest allocation. Through March 11, 2024, the State Water Pacific Cod has had 198 landings for 19.1 million lbs. leaving 25.2 million lbs. to harvest 43% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million pounds allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest week's harvest was increased by 2,000MT to 7,200MT (15.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 38,451MT (84.7 million lbs.) of various bottom trawl species.

The Golden King Crab. We had two delivery last week for Golden King Crab. Golden King Crab harvest is 5.3 million lbs. and still has 136,000lbs to harvest 98% has been harvested. The Tanner Crab harvest of Western and Eastern Districts has harvested 1,833,342 lbs. leaving 293,373lbs. 80% Tanner Crab harvested has been completed.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 3-2-2024: The harvest for the last week was 62,059MT (136.7 million pounds) 5,000MT decrease over the previous week's harvest. The season totals are 404,622MT harvested (891 million pounds) leaving 1,598,623MT (3.52 billion lbs.) to harvest; 20% of the overall annual harvest of 2,002,145MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has been completed.

Pollock 3-2-2024: The Pollock fishery opened on January 20th at noon we had a catch of 47,596MT (104 million lbs.) for the week ending March 2, 2024. The seasonal A season harvest is 316,302MT (697 million lbs.) leaving 252,309MT (556 million lbs.) of A season Pollock 55.6% of the A season has been harvested from 568,611MT (1.2 billion lbs.) Pollock A season allocation.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 20,479MT last week for the season 126,048MT (277million lbs.) leaving 128,580MT (283 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 50% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 16,986MT last week and have harvested 113,218MT (249 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 90,484MT (199 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 56% of the A season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 4,486MT last week for the season 28,048MT (61.8 million lbs.) leaving 22,878MT (61.8 million lbs.) A season to harvest 55% of the A season has been harvested from 50,926MT.

CDQ: this sector harvested 5,645MT for the season 49,715MT (109 million lbs.) leaving 9,640MT (21.2 million lbs.) to harvest, 84% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: the harvest last week was 1,318MT for the season 10,277MT leaving 39,723MT to harvest 21% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 3-2-2024: Chinook bycatch last week 327 fish for a season total of 2,599 fish leaving 43,101fish remaining 6% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum salmon no new bycatch numbers reported last week still at 837 fish.

Pacific Cod: 2-2-2024: The total cod harvest last week was 5,783MT for the A season is 37,868MT (83.4 million lbs.) 22.8% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 128,201MT (282 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest is including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,628MT (3.5 million lbs.) last week for the season 15,586MT (34 million lbs.) Leaving the A season allocation at 18,773MT (41.2 million lbs.) to harvest, 45% of the A season allocation of 34,359MT 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 3,792MT for last week (8.3 million lbs.) for the season 14,949MT (32.9 million lbs.) through March 2, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 739MT At Sea 78MT and CV sector 2,975MT A season harvest stands at 14,949MT 32.9 million lbs.) (leaving 24,240MT (53.4million

lbs.) to harvest the season, 38% of the A season allocation of 39,144MT have been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 4,118MT (9.1 million lbs.) leaving -251MT cod allocation to harvest, 106% 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 357MT last week for the season 2,399MT (5.2 million lbs.) leaving 3,526MT (7.7 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 40% of the A season allocation of 5,926MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 305MT last week for the season 1,310MT (2.8 million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 10,005MT leaving 8,695MT (19.1 million lbs.) 13% of the A season CDQ harvest have been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,948MT leaving 1,948MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 3-11-2024: The state water fishery has had 198 landings for 19.1 million lbs. leaving 25.2 million lbs. to harvest 43% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million pounds allocation.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 3-2-2024 The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest was increased by 2,000MT to 7,200MT (15.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 38,451MT (84.7 million lbs.) of various species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 15,144MT, Rock Sole 7,046MT Alaska Plaice, 1,377MT, Flathead Sole 2,317MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 145MT, Kamchatka Flounder 8MT other Flatfish 653MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 633MT Atka Mackerel 5,105MT, Octopus 63MT Skate 5,956MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 4MT.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 3-11-24: 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 61 IFQ landings and CDQ for the season, from the Eastern District and thirty-eight 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 3.60 million lbs. 98% harvested, leaving an estimated 100,000 lbs. to harvest, there were no landing from the Eastern District last week. The Western District IFQ had two landings last week as well. The season total is thirty-five landings for 1.773 million lbs. 98% harvested, leaving 36,844lbs. to harvest.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 3-11-24: 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-nine IFQ and CDQ landings for 757,342 lbs. all from the Eastern District leaving 2,658lbs to harvest from the Eastern District 100% of the allocation has been harvested. There have been fifty-eight landings of IFQ and CDQ landings from the Western District, 1.076 million lbs. leaving the Western District IFQ and CDQ at 293,373lbs. to harvest 80% of the allocation has been harvested. The western district had two landings last week.

Misc. Items: Not two much to report I listened in on two Alaska Legislature Hearings last week on Senate Joint Resolution No. 14 In Support of the Alaska Seafood Industry and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 which would establish a joint Seafood Industry Task Force, the task force would work to support and assist the Alaska Seafood Industry during this very difficult time the industry is facing. I will discuss these Resolutions with the City Manager Homka and Mayor Tutikaoff to discuss sending in letters of support to the Senate Finance and House Fisheries Committees.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data and NOAA Reports
3. Senate Joint Resolution No.14 and Senate Concurrent Resolution No.10