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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for March 18,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 3-9-2024 Crab Harvest Data and State Water Pacific Cod 3-18-2024

The Halibut and Sablefish fisheries opened on March 15th at noon the Halibut allocation is 18.3 million pounds including CDQ. The Sablefish fishery allocation is set at 66.7 million pounds including the CDQ amount.

Fishery activity in Unalaska picked up once again last week, the harvest overall groundfish increased 10,000MT to 74,823MT (164 million lbs.) The seventh full week of Pollock A season saw an increase of 10,000MT last week to 57,738MT of harvest (127 million lbs.) for the season 374,231MT (824 million lbs.) We have harvested 65.8% of the A season harvest completed. The CDQ Pollock allocation is at 95% complete, the At Sea Processors, sixty-eight% Catcher Vessels, 57%, and Mothership Sector, 66% we have three and half more weeks until the Pollock A season is completed.

The total cod harvest last week was 8,538MT (18.8 million lbs.) for the A season is 46,406MT (102 million lbs.) 27.8% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 119,663MT (263 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation. The state water fishery has had 238 landings for 22.9 million lbs. leaving 21.5 million lbs. to harvest 52% 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 was increased by 500MT to 7,056MT (15.5 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 45,507MT (100 million lbs.) of various species.

The Golden King Crab. We had one delivery last week for Golden King Crab. Golden King Crab harvest is 5.3 million lbs. and still has 100,000lbs to harvest 98% has been harvested. The Tanner Crab harvest of Western and Eastern Districts has harvested 2,070,342 lbs. leaving 9,600lbs. 100% Tanner Crab harvested has been completed.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 3-9-2024: The harvest for the last week was 74,823MT (146 million pounds) 10,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest. The season

totals are 478,495MT harvested (1.05 billion lbs.) leaving 1,507,070MMT (3.3 billion lbs.) to harvest; 24% of the overall annual harvest of 2,002,145MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has been completed.

Pollock 3-9-2024: The Pollock fishery opened on January 20th at noon we had a catch of 57,738MT (127 million lbs.) for the week ending March 9, 2024. The seasonal A season harvest is 374,231MT (824 million lbs.) leaving 194,380MT (428 million lbs.) of A season Pollock 65.8% 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 19,860MT last week for the season 144,972MT (319 million lbs.) leaving 109,656MT (241 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 57% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 25,675MT last week and have harvested 138,892MT (292 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 64,810MT (142 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 68% of the A season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 5,571MT last week for the season 33,619MT (74 million lbs.) leaving 17,307MT (38 million lbs.) A season to harvest 66% of the A season has been harvested from 50,926MT.

CDQ: this sector harvested 6,627MT for the season 56,346MT (124 million lbs.) leaving 3,013MT (6.6 million lbs.) to harvest, 95% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: the harvest last week was 1,587MT for the season 11,868MT leaving 38,132MT to harvest 24% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 3-9-2024: Chinook bycatch last week 1,054 fish for a season total of 3,661 fish leaving 42,041fish remaining 8% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum salmon 882 fish bycatch numbers reported last week for the season.

Pacific Cod: 3-9-2024: The total cod harvest last week was 8,538MT (18.8 million lbs.) for the A season is 46,406MT (102 million lbs.) 27.8% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 119,663MT (263 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,935MT (4.2 million lbs.) last week for the season 17,604MT (38.7 million lbs.) Leaving the A season allocation at 16,755MT (36.9 million lbs.) to harvest, 51% 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 5,725MT for

last week (12.6 million lbs.) for the season 20,674MT (45.5 million lbs.) through March 9, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 1,287MT At Sea 63MT and CV sector 4,375MT A season harvest stands at 20,674MT 45.5 million lbs.) (leaving 18,515MT (40.8million lbs.) to harvest the season, 52.8% of the A season allocation of 39,144MThave 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 461MT last week for the season 2,719MT (5.9 million lbs.) leaving 3,207MT (70 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 46% of the A season allocation of 5,926MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 414MT hast week for the season 1,734MT (3.8million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 10,005MT leaving 8,281MT (18.2 million lbs.) 17.3% 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 3-18-2024: The state water fishery has had 238 landings for 22.9 million lbs. leaving 21.5 million lbs. to harvest 52% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million pounds allocation.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 3-9-2024 The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest was increased by 500MT to 7,056MT (15.5 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 45,507MT 100 million lbs.) of various species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 16,631MT, Rock Sole 8,302MT Alaska Plaice, 1,608MT, Flathead Sole 3,518MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 259MT, Kamchatka Flounder 11MT other Flatfish 736MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 907MT Atka Mackerel 6,396MT, Octopus 70MT Skate 7,064MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 5MT.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 3-18-24: 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 one vessel is out doing a cleanup trip on that amount. The Western District IFQ had two landings last week as well. The season total is forty-three landings for 1.8 million lbs. 100% harvested, leaving 1,438lbs. left unharvested.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 3-18-24: 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 six-three landings of IFQ and CDQ landings from the Western District, 1,157,829 million lbs. leaving the Western District IFQ and CDQ at 7,000lbs. left unharvested 100% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western district had five small landings last week.

Halibut IFQ 3-18-24: the season open on March 15th. at noon so far four landings for 5,146lbs. leaving 17.29 million lbs. to harvest. Less than 1% has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17millionlbs. no landing yet.

Sablefish IFQ 3-18-24: there have been two sablefish landings the harvest information is still confidential.

Misc. Items: I attended two meetings last week the Unalaska City Council meeting on Tuesday night and a ADFG teleconference on Monday on how the Yukon, and Kuskokwim Chinook salmon disasters for 2021-2022 spend plan federal disaster would be allocated to subsistence and commercial harvesters. The one interesting issue, which came up was there was not any money for Sportfish lodge operators on the Yukon and Kuskokwim in the federal disaster aid. I did hear them tell the ADFG that they want to be include in any futures disaster programs. they want to be included.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data and NOAA Reports