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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 25,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 3-16-2024 Crab Harvest, State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 3-25-2024

Fishery activity in Unalaska slow last week, the harvest overall groundfish decreased 7,000MT.to 67,290MT (148 million lbs.) due to reduces catch in the Pollock fishery. The eight full week of Pollock A season saw a decrease of 8,000MT last week to 49,841MT of harvest (109 million lbs.) for the season 423,954MT (934 million lbs.) We have harvested 74.4% of the A season harvest completed. The CDQ Pollock allocation is at 99% complete, the At Sea Processors, 79% Catcher Vessels, 66%, and Mothership Sector, 72% we have about two and half more weeks until the Pollock A season will be completed.

The total cod harvest last week was 6,422MT (14.1 million lbs.) for the A season is 52,828MT (116million lbs.) 31.5% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 113,241MT (249 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation. The state water fishery has had 269 landings for 25.9 million lbs. leaving 18.5 million lbs. to harvest 58% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million pounds allocation.

IFQ Halibut 96 landing for 512,946 lbs. leaving 16.7 million to harvest 3% of the allocation is harvested. IFQ Sablefish, 58 landings for 1.2 million lbs. leaving 59.5 million lbs.to harvest 2% of the allocation is harvested.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest was increased by 1,000MT to 8,482MT (18.6 million lbs.) The total harvest stands 53,989MT (118 million lbs.) of various species.

The Golden King Crab. We had one delivery last week for Golden King Crab. Golden King Crab harvest is 5.4 million lbs. and still has 61,723lbs to harvest, 98% has been harvested, one vessel is still fishing. The Tanner Crab harvest of Western and Eastern Districts has harvested 2,070,342 lbs. leaving 6,897lbs. unharvested 100% Tanner Crab harvested has been completed there are no vessels fishing.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 3-16-2024:** The harvest for the last week was 67,290MT (148 million pounds) 7,000MT decrease over the previous week's harvest. The season totals are 546,362MT harvested (1.20 billion lbs.) leaving 1,439,203MMT (3.3 billion lbs.) to harvest; 28% of the overall annual harvest of 1,985,565MMT (4.37 billion pounds) allocation.

**Pollock 3-16-2024:** The Pollock fishery opened on January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon we had a catch of 49,841MT (109 million lbs.) for the week ending March 16, 2024. The seasonal A season harvest is 423,954MT (934 million lbs.) leaving 144,539MT (318 million lbs.) of A season Pollock 74.4% 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 23,292MT last week for the season 168,269MT (370 million lbs.) leaving 86,359MT (190 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 66% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

**At Sea CP:** the catcher processors harvested 21,092MT last week and have harvested 159,984MT (352 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 43,718MT (96.3 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 79% of the A season has been harvested.

**Mothership:** this sector harvested 3,325MT last week for the season 36,826MT (81.1 million lbs.) leaving 14,100MT (31 million lbs.) A season to harvest 72% of the A season has been harvested from 50,926MT.

**CDQ:** this sector harvested 2,132MT for the season 58,475MT (128 million lbs.) leaving 880MT (1.9 million lbs.) to harvest, 99% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** the harvest last week was 2,825MT for the season 14,723MT (32.4million lbs.) leaving 35,527MT (78.3 million lbs.) to harvest 29% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon Bycatch 3-16-2024:** Chinook bycatch last week 1,054 fish for a season total of 4,078 fish leaving 41,622fish remaining 9% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum salmon 889 fish bycatch reported last week for the season.

**Pacific Cod: 3-16-2024:** The total cod harvest last week was 6,422MT (14.1 million lbs.) for the A season is 52,828MT (116million lbs.) 31.5% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 113,241MT (249 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,467MT (3.2 million lbs.) last week for the season 19,445MT (42.8 million lbs.) Leaving the A season allocation at 14,914MT (32.8 million lbs.) to harvest, 57% 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 4,052MT for last week (8.9 million lbs.) for the season 24,726MT (54.4 million lbs.) through March 16, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 807MT At Sea 56MT and CV sector 3,189MT A season harvest stands at 24,762MT 54.4 million lbs.) (leaving 14,463MT (31.8million lbs.) to harvest for the season, 61.5% of the A season allocation of 39,144MT has 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 220MT last week for the season 2,938MT (6.4 million lbs.) leaving 2,988MT (6.5 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 50% of the A season allocation of 5,926MT has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest of 683MT last week for the season 2,417MT (5.3million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 10,005MT leaving 7,598MT (16.7 million lbs.) 24.1% 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 3-25-2024:** The state water fishery has had 269 landings for 25.9 million lbs. leaving 18.5 million lbs. to harvest 58% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million lbs. allocation.

**Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 3-16-2024** The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest was increased by 1,000MT to 8,482MT (18.6 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 53,989MT (118 million lbs.) of various species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 17,513MT, Rock Sole 9,724MT Alaska Plaice, 2,060MT, Flathead Sole 5,919MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 319MT, Kamchatka Flounder 18MT other Flatfish 752MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 1,150MT Atka Mackerel 8,281MT, Octopus 77MT Skate 8,150MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 26MT.

**Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 3-25-24:** 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 3.658 million lbs. 98% harvested, leaving an estimated 61,723 lbs. to harvest, there was one landing from the Eastern District last week one vessel is out doing a cleanup trip on that amount. The Western District IFQ had no landings last week. The season total is thirty - eight landings for 1.808 million lbs. 100% harvested, leaving 1,438lbs. left unharvested.

**Bering Sea Tanner Crab 3-25-24:** 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 2.073 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 Seventy-two landings of IFQ and CDQ landings from the Western District, 1,315,819 million lbs. leaving the Western District IFQ and CDQ at 4,200lbs. left unharvested 100% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western district had six small landings last week. There are no vessels registered or fishing at this time in either district.

**Halibut IFQ 3-25-24:** the season open on March 15<sup>th</sup>. at noon, so far ninety-six landing for landings for 512,946lbs. leaving 16.7 million lbs. to harvest; 3% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17millionlbs. no landings yet. Leading Port of landing is Homer, AK at 111,096 pounds followed by Seward, AK at 65,248lbs.

**Sablefish IFQ 3-25-24:** there have been fifty-eight sablefish landings 1.2 million lbs. leaving 59.5 million lbs. to harvest 2% of the harvest is complete. Ports of landing amounts information is still confidential.

**Misc. Items:** I listen in on the Alaska Legislature House Fisheries committee meeting last Wednesday on Senate Resolution NO.14 in Support of Alaska Seafood Industry. The House Fisheries Committee made some amendments that hurt the Resolution by adding language about small family owed fishing businesses and small fishing vessels were the backbone of the state fishing industry which is not really not the case, they were taking shots at the Seattle based large processors and fishing vessels. The Resolution as amended was move out of committee and is House Rules to be scheduled for a House Floor vote. I will attach the latest version of the Resolution with this memo.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data and NOAA Reports
3. Senate Resolution NO 14B. In Support of the Alaska Seafood Industry