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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 April 1,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 3-23-2024 Crab Harvest, State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 4-1-2024

Fishery activity in Unalaska continues to be slow as the Pollock harvest is almost completed. Last week the harvest of all groundfish decreased to 9,000MT to 58,516MT (128 million lbs.) due to reduction in catch in the Pollock fishery. The ninth full week of Pollock A season saw a decrease of 4,000MT last week to 45,358MT of harvest (99 million lbs.) for the season 469,212MT (1.03 billion lbs.) We have harvested 82% of the A season harvest completed. We have about two more weeks until the Pollock A season will be completed. The airport will getting busy soon with outbound travel to Anchorage.

The total cod harvest last week was 4,532MT (9.9 million lbs.) for the A season is 59,126MT (130 million lbs.) 35% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 106,538MT (234 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation. The state water fishery has had 315 landings for 30.6 million lbs. leaving 13.8 million lbs. to harvest 68% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million lbs. allocation.

IFQ Halibut 125 landing for 652,191lbs. leaving 16.6 million to harvest 4% of the allocation is harvested. IFQ Sablefish, 81 landings for 1.8 million lbs. leaving 58.9 million lbs. to harvest 3% of the allocation is harvested.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest slowed last week a decreased by 1,500MT to 6,764MT (14.9 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 60,653MT (133 million lbs.) of various species.

The Golden King Crab. We had one delivery last week for Golden King Crab. Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.45 million lbs. and still has 42,000bs to harvest, 99% 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 3-23-2024: The harvest for the last week was 58,516MT (128 million pounds) 9,000MT decrease over the previous week's harvest. The season totals are 606,070MT harvested (1.33 billion pounds) leaving 1,379,495MT (3.04 billion lbs.) to harvest; 31% of the overall annual harvest of 1,985,565MMT (4.3 billion pounds) has been completed.

Pollock 3-23-2024: The Pollock fishery opened on January 20th the ninth full week of Pollock slow down last week with a harvest of 45,358MT of harvest 99 million lbs. for the season 469,212MT (1.03 billion lbs.) We have harvested 82% of the A season harvest leaving 99,000MT (218 million lbs.) from the 568,611MT (1.2 billion lbs.) Pollock A season allocation. The breakdown by harvesting sector is as follows Catcher Vessels Sector 190,232MT leaving 64,396MT to harvest 75% of the A season harvest is complete. At Sea Processors 177,979MT harvested leaving 25,723MT 87% of the A season is completed. Mothership Fleet 42,469MT leaving 8,457MT to harvest 83% of the A season is complete. CDQ Sector 58,752MT leaving 603MT to harvest 99% of their A season harvest is complete.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 21,963MT last week for the season 190,232MT (419 million lbs.) leaving 64,396MT (141 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 75% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 17,995MT (39.6 million lbs.) last week and have harvested 177,979MT (390 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 25,723MT (56.6 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 87% of the A season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 5,123MT (11.2 million lbs.) last week for the season 42,469MT (93.6 million lbs.) leaving 8,457MT (18.6 million lbs.) A season to harvest 83% of the A season has been harvested from 50,926MT.

CDQ: this sector harvested 277MT (610,050 lbs.) for the season 58,752MT (129 million lbs.) leaving 603MT (1.3 million lbs.) to harvest, 99% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: the harvest last week was 2,034MT for the season 16,778MT (36.9million lbs.) leaving 33,472MT (73.7 million lbs.) to harvest 34% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 3-23-2024: Chinook bycatch last week 210 fish for a season total of 4,289 fish leaving 41,411fish 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 no new numbers on Chum bycatch.

Pacific Cod: 3-23-2024: The total cod harvest last week was 4,532MT (9.9 million lbs.) for the A season is 59,126MT (130 million lbs.) 35% of the allocation of 165,658MT has

been harvested leaving 106,538MT (234 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,850MT (4.07 million lbs.) last week for the season 21,720MT (47.8 million lbs.) Leaving the A season allocation at 12,639MT (27.8 million lbs.) to harvest, 63% 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 2,406MT for last week (5.3 million lbs.) for the season 27,132MT (59.7 million lbs.) through March 23, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 449MT At Sea 21MT and CV sector 1,936MT A season harvest stands at 27,132MT 59.7 million lbs.) (leaving 12,057MT (26.5million lbs.) to harvest for the season, 69% 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 198MT last week for the season 3,136MT (6.1 million lbs.) leaving 2,790MT (6.5 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 53% of the A season allocation of 5,926MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 78MT last week for the season 2,496MT (5.49 million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 7,949MT leaving 7,520MT (16.5 million lbs.) 31% 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.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 3-23-2024 The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest is picking up last week's harvest decreased by 1,500MT to 6,764MT (14.9 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 60,653MT (133 million lbs.) of various species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 17,920MT, Rock Sole 11,528MT Alaska Plaice, 2,222MT, Flathead Sole 7,048MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 359MT, Kamchatka Flounder 24MT other Flatfish 757MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 1,422MT Atka Mackerel 10,143MT, Octopus 82MT Skate 9,121MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 27MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60' < Pot Boats 4-1-2024: The state water fishery has had 315 landings for 30.6 million lbs. leaving 13.8 million lbs. to harvest 68% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million lbs. allocation.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 4-1-24: 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 54 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 3.679 million lbs. 99% harvested allocation, leaving an estimated 40,614lbs. to harvest. There was one landing from the Eastern District last week, with one vessel fishing 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 4-1-24: 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 4,239lbs. left unharvested 100% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western district had no landings last week. There are no vessels registered or fishing at this time in either district.

Halibut IFQ 4-1-24: the season open on March 15th at noon, so far 176 landing for landings for 917,118lbs. leaving 16.3 million lbs. to harvest; 5% 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 203,451pounds followed by Seward, AK at 102,917bs.

Sablefish IFQ 4-1-24: there have been 126 sablefish landings 2.79 million lbs. leaving 55.002 million lbs. to harvest 5% of the harvest is complete. Ports of landing Juneau 186,193lbs. followed by Homer with 16,203lbs.

Misc. Items: We had no meeting to attend last week.

Regards

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Attachments:

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