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**To:** City Manager William Homka, Deputy City Manager Marjorie Veeder, Kelly Tompkins, Karen Magdaong, Michelle Price, Mayor Vince Tutikaoff, and Unalaska City Council Members

**From:** Frank Kelty, Unalaska Fisheries Consultant

**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for February 3, 2024, Groundfish harvest 1-25-25, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, and Snow Crab 2-3-2025

The Pollock A season is underway from what I understand there has been plenty of poor weather that hurt the fishing efforts and with the poor weather, and plane cancellations that hurt getting the workforce into Unalaska. Groundfish Reports were limited last week. We did receive an NMFS report for January 25, 2025, for the first ten days of harvest since Pollock A opened. The Pollock harvest last week was 41,971MT (92.5million lbs.) we expect the harvest to be over 50,000MT next week. The Pacific Cod from the fixed gear, and trawl fleets had harvest last week 2,929MT (6.4 million lbs.) including CDQ. The season total so far is 11,483MT (25.3 million lbs.) The Amendment 80 harvest was slow last week. We had a harvest through January 25<sup>th</sup> of 3,726MT (8.2 million lbs.) for season 4,447MT (9.81 million lbs.) This sector is still gearing up.

Groundfish Harvest totals through 1-25-2025: Last week's harvest was 49,038MT (94.8 million lbs.) for the season 58,429MT (128.7million lbs.) leaving 1,982MMT (4.3 billion lbs.) still to harvest.

The Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, fisheries are underway again and the first Snow Crab landings in three years were delivered into Unalaska.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 2-3-25 we have two cost recovery landings. for ADFG. The poundage amount is 167,000lbs with another 52,000lbs to harvested. Both landings came from the Eastern District. There have also been 63 IFQ landings and 5 CDQ from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. The poundage for this year's landings of IFQ and CDQ, combined with the exact amount, is confidential, the estimated amounts at slightly more than 3.8 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.0 million lbs. left to harvest from the Eastern District from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, 80% of the harvest has been completed. There were no Golden King Crab deliveries last week. There is currently one vessel fishing.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 2-3-25 we have fifty-two Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,423,395 lbs. leaving 312,975lbs. still available in the Eastern District 90% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There has been eighteen landings so far from ten vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 463,257lbs leaving of 4.03 million lbs. to harvest 10% of the harvest has been completed.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: as of ADFG has 10-12 vessels registered to fish and on the grounds starting to fish. Last week we had twenty-two landings made into Unalaska plants for 1,745,827 lbs. from the 4.7-million-pound allocation, leaving 2.9 million lbs. to harvest 40.5% of the harvest is complete. We expect more landings in the next few days for the twelve vessels fishing.

Pollock A season: Through January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025; the first week of the season the harvest total was 41,971MT (92.5million lbs.) The breakdown by sector is as follows CV Shoreside15,575MT At Sea 19,349MT and Mothership 3,110, and CDQ 3,936MT. I expect landings to increase as the sectors get all their crews and vessels online.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Last week 402MT of Pollack came in as an incidental catch or which means Pollock was caught in the Pacific Cod and Flatfish fisheries. The season total on Pollock as incidental catch is up 303MT (667,812lbs)

Pacific Cod: the harvest for the ending on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we had a harvest of 2,929MT (6.4 million lbs.) including CDQ. The season total so far is 11,483MT (25.3 million lbs.) The breakdown for the weekend on January 25<sup>th</sup> for the Hook and Line Catcher Processor was 1,423MT 3.1 million lbs.) for season 4,013MT (8.8 million lbs.) leaving 57,470MT to harvest (126 million lbs.). The Pot Cod 60> over fleet had a harvested 643MT (1.4 million lbs.) through January 25<sup>th</sup> the total harvest is 3,333MT (7.3 million lbs.) I leaving 7,272MT to harvest (16million lbs.) The Pot Cod 60< under fleet was 170MT (373,680lbs.) leaving 82MT (180,000lbs.) to harvest. The Trawl sector had a harvest for the week ending on January 25<sup>th</sup> 584MT (1.2 million lbs.) by sector At Sea 102MT (224,000) Amendment 80, 346MT (762,000lbs) CV Sector 136MT (299,744lbs) CDQ Harvest 109MT (240,236lbs.)

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawlers: Last week we had a harvest through January 25<sup>h</sup> 3,726MT (8.2 million lbs.) for season 4,447MT (9.81 million lbs.) total by species Perch Rockfish, 5MT Kamchatka Sole 3MT Other Flatfish 68MT Mackerel 188MT, Arrowtooth Flounder, 62MT Flathead Sole, 194MT Rock Sole, 1,324MT Yellowfin Sole 1,554MT Plaice 67MT MT Octopus, 58MT Greenland Turbot 1MT Skate 941MT. We will achieve a much higher catch rate next week on the January 25<sup>th</sup> harvest report. The above harvests most came as bycatch in the pot cod and longline catcher processor cod harvests.

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Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 2-3-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab Species 2-3-25.
3. Groundfish Harvest Date 1-25-2025
4. NOAA Reports