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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

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for March 3, 24, 2024, Groundfish Harvest 2-22-25, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, Snow Crab and State Water Pacific Cod 3-3-2025

The Pollock A season continues with strong fishing for both Pollock, Pacific Cod, and the flat fisheries in the Amendment 80 sector are slow and the crab fisheries are moving along at a steady rate the Snow Crab harvest we have had one hundred - two landings made into Unalaska plants for 4.0 million lbs. including CDQ from the 4.7-million-pound allocation, leaving 714,577 lbs. to harvest 85% of the harvest is completed. The Tanner Crab Total harvest for both East and West Districts is at 3.5 million lbs. leaving 2.76 million lbs. to harvest. Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery is at 4.1 million lbs. harvest leaving 700,000lbs to harvest from the 4.8 million lbs. allocation.

The Pollock A season the fourth week is completed, on February 22nd the harvest came at highest amount of the season by all four sectors so far at 59,238MT (130.5 million lbs.) for the season 259,626MT (572.2 million lbs.) leaving 339,320MT to harvest (747,861million lbs.) 43% of A season allocation is harvested from the A season allocation of 598,000MT (1.3 billion lbs.). If the weekly catch continues in 55,000 to 58,000MT weekly rate that would leave about five to six weeks of harvest left in the A season which would be last week of March to be completed depending on weather and harvest catch rates for the fleets.

The Pacific Cod totals week ending on 2-22-25 for the fixed gear, CDQ and trawl fleets had harvest 7,902MT (17.4 million lbs.) for the 31,205MT (68.7 million lbs.) for the season fixed gear, CDQ, and trawl harvests still have 105,000MT to harvest 29% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested leaving (232, million lbs.) from a 2025 A/B season allocation of 141millionMT to harvest (312 million lbs.)

State Water Pacific Cod 58'<pot cod vessels 140 landings for 12.6 million lbs. leaving 33.3 million lbs. to harvest 29% of the harvest is complete.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fisheries for the week ending on 2-15-25 for Sole, Perch, Mackerel, and Flounders. Last week this sector had another slow week harvested through last week was 5,985MT (13.1 million lbs.) for season 27,421MT (60.4 million lbs.)

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 3-3-25 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 been 72 IFQ landings and 5 CDQ landings from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. The percentage for this year's landings of IFQ and CDQ, combined with the exact amount, is confidential, the estimated amounts at slightly more than 4.1 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 703,000lbs. left to harvest from the Eastern District. The Western District allocation of 1.0 million lbs. has been harvested and that area is closed. The 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, harvest is at 85% complete. There was one Golden King Crab deliveries last week. There is currently one vessel still fishing in the Eastern District.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 3-3-25 we have fifty-eight Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,477,087 lbs. leaving 292,913bs. still available in the Eastern District 82% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There have been fifty-six landings so far including CDQ from twelfth vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 2.1 million lbs. leaving of 2.47 million lbs. to harvest 55% of the harvest has been completed. Total harvest for both East and West Districts is 3.5 million lbs. leaving 2.76 million lbs. to harvest.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: for 3-3-25 there are twelve vessels registered to fish and on the grounds. This season we have had one hundred - two landings made into Unalaska plants for 4.0 million lbs. including CDQ from the 4.7-million-pound allocation, leaving 714,577 lbs. to harvest 85% of the harvest is complete. The split between North and South deliveries is North 1.576 million lbs. South 1.792million lbs. CDQ 377,101lbs.

Pollock A season: the fifth week is completed, on February 22nd the harvest came at highest amount of the season by all four sectors so far at 59,238MT (130.5 million lbs.) for the season 259,626MT (572.2 million lbs.) leaving 339,320MT to harvest (747,861million lbs.) 43% of A season allocation is harvested from the A season allocation of 598,000MT (1.3 billion lbs.). If the weekly catch continues in 55,000 to 58,000MT weekly rate that would leave about five to six weeks of harvest left in the A season which would be last week of March to be completed depending on weather and harvest catch rates for the fleets.

CV Shoreside 22,815MT (50.2million lbs.) for the season 100,786MT (222 million lbs.) leaving 167,302MT A season Pollock to harvest (368 million lbs.) 38% of the season A harvest is complete.

At Sea 20,492MT (45.1 million lbs.) for season 92,578MT (204 million lbs.). leaving 121,892MT of season A Pollock to harvest (268 million lbs.) 43% of the season A harvest is complete.

Mothership 4,200MT (9.25 million lbs.) for season 20,532MT (45.2 million lbs.) leaving 33,086MT of season A Pollock to harvest (72.9million lbs.) 38% of the season A harvest is complete.

CDQ 11,731MT (25.8million lbs.) for season 45,732MT (100.7 million lbs.) leaving 16,143MT of season A Pollock to harvest (35.5 million lbs.) 74% of the season A harvest is complete.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Through 2-22-2025 the harvest was 1,217MT 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 5,849MT (12.8 million lbs.) 13% of the harvest is complete leaving 40,136MT 88.4million lbs.)

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The breakdown by cod sectors for the week ending on February 22, 2025.

The Hook and Line Catcher Processor was 1,602MT (3.5 million lbs.) for season 10,235MT (22.5 million lbs.) leaving 51,248MT to harvest (112 million lbs.) 17% harvested.

The Pot Cod 60> over fleet had harvested 0MT (0 million lbs.) total harvest is 5,711MT (12.5 million lbs.) leaving 4,894MT to harvest (10.7million lbs.) 54% harvested.

The Pot Cod 60< under fleet was 0MT (0 lbs.) leaving 71MT (158,000lbs.) 98% to harvest.

The Trawl sector had a harvest of 5,155MT (11.3 million lbs.) by sector At Sea 96MT (211,584,) Amendment 80, 1,069MT (2.3 million lbs.) CV Sector 3,990MT (8.7 million lbs.) for season 13,390MT (29.5.million lbs.) leaving 34,644MT (76.3 million lbs.) to harvest for the trawl sectors 27% of the harvest complete from 48,033MT trawl allocation .

CDQ Harvest CDQ Harvest 967MT (2.1 million lbs.) for season 3,891MT (8.5 million lbs.) leaving 12,335MT (27.1 million lbs.) to harvest 20% of the harvest is complete.

State Water Pacific Cod 58'<pot cod vessels harvest for 3-3-25 204 landings for 18.6 million lbs. leaving 25.4 million lbs. to harvest 42% of the harvest is complete from 44.0 million lbs.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawlers: Last week we had a harvest through February 22, 2025 6,119MT (13.4 million lbs.) for season 30,198MT (66.5 million lbs.) total by species Perch Rockfish, 54MT Kamchatka Sole 29MT Other Flatfish 990MT Mackerel 2,783MT, Arrowtooth Flounder, 367MT Flathead Sole, 2,594MT Rock Sole, 9,490MT Yellowfin Sole 10,114MT Alaska Plaice 941MT MT Octopus, 154MT Greenland Turbot 1MT Skate 2,680MT. Trawl Sablefish 1MT

Groundfish Harvest 2-22-2025: Last week's harvest was 74,528MT (154.2 million lbs.) and an increase of 2,000MT from the previous week's harvest. The season harvest is 331,980MT (731 million lbs.) leaving 1,709MMT (3.7 billion lbs.) to harvest 16% of the season allocation of 2.04MMT (4.4 billion lbs.) is complete.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 3-3-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab, State Water Cod Species 3-3-25.
3. Groundfish Harvest Date 2-22-2025
4. NOAA Report