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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 April 14, 2025, Groundfish Harvest 4-5-25, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, Snow Crab, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and State Water Pacific Cod 4-14-25

The Pollock A season is almost wrapped in Unalaska. The three Westward plants are done, Unisea and Trident are still processing. The At Sea Catcher Processors and Mothership sectors are wrapping up this week as well. The Pollock fleet for week nine of the season had a harvest of 30,367MT (66.9 million lbs.) an 18,000MT decrease from the previous week's harvest. 48,000MT. The catcher vessels sector that delivers to the shoreside plants lead the harvest last week with 15,905MT (35 million lbs). The A season harvest is at 559,085MT harvested (1.23billion lbs.). Leaving 40,000MT to harvest (88 million lbs.) 93.5% of Pollock A seasonal allocation of 598,000MT has been harvested.

The Pacific Cod totals week ending on 4-5-25 for the fixed gear, CDQ and trawl fleets had harvest 2,958MT (6.5 million lbs.) for the season 60,687MT (133 million lbs.) for the season fixed gear, CDQ, and trawl harvests still have 75,311MT to harvest (165 million lbs.) 42.6% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested, from a 2025 A/B season allocation of 141,000MT (312 million lbs.)

State Water Pacific Cod for 4-15-25 the 58'<pot cod vessels 466 landings for 37.6 million lbs. leaving 6.4 million lbs. to harvest 85% of the harvest is complete from the allocation of 44 million lbs.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fisheries for the week ending on 4-5-25 for Sole, Perch, Mackerel, and Flounders, the harvest last week was 9,168MT (20.2 million lbs.) for season 66,496MT (146.5 million lbs.)

Groundfish Harvest Totals: 4-5-2025: Last week's harvest was 44,323MT (97.6 million lbs.) a decrease of 16,000MT (35 million lbs.) from the previous weeks. The season harvest is 715,293MT (1.57 billion lbs.) leaving 1,271MMT (2.80 billion lbs.) to harvest 36% of the season allocation of 1.986MMT (4.3 billion lbs.) is complete.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 4-14-25: there have been 57 IFQ landings and 9 CDQ landings from the Eastern District and Western Districts combined. 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 3.7 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 0lbs. 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 100% complete. There was one Golden King Crab deliveries last week. There is currently no vessel still fishing in the Eastern District, the fishery is closed.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 4-14-25 we have sixty-three Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,769,373 lbs. leaving 622lbs. still available in the Eastern District, 100% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There have been one hundred-fourteen landings so far including CDQ from twelfth vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 4,518,324million lbs. leaving of -- 18,324bs. to harvest 100% of the harvest has been completed. Total harvest for both East and West Districts is 6,287,588 million lbs. leaving 622 lbs. unharvested 100% of the harvest is complete. The Tanner Crab fishery closed on March 31st, 2025.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: as of 4-14-25 there are twelve vessels registered to fish and on the grounds. This season we have had one hundred thirty-nine landings made into Unalaska plants for 4,678,299 million lbs. including CDQ from the 4,700,000 million lbs. allocation, leaving 43,037lbs.to harvest 99.5% of the harvest is complete. The ninety-six percent split between North and South deliveries is North 1,576,000 million lbs., leaving 8,461 lbs.99% harvested, South 1,792,440 million lbs. leaving 41,165lbs. 98% harvested, and CDQ 878,924lbs. leaving -7,090lbs. 100% harvested.

Halibut IFQ:4-14-25: The Halibut fishery opened on March 20th with an IFQ allocation of 13.15 million lbs. This morning's harvest data shows 202 landings for 989,406lbs. leaving 12.16 million lbs. to harvest 8% of the harvest is complete. The CDQ allocation is 900,000lbs. No landings have been made yet. Ports of Landing on Halibut, Homer is at 201,492lbs. followed by Sitka at 114,905lbs.

Sablefish IFQ 4-14-25: The Sablefish IFQ fishery opened on March 20th with an allocation of 61million lbs. The harvest data through this morning show 191 landings for 4.7 million lbs. leaving 56.3 million lbs. to harvest 8% of the allocation has been harvested. Port of Landings, Seward, 689,298lbs, followed by Kodiak at 551,826lbs.

The Pollock A season: The Pollock fleet for week nine of the season had a harvest of 30,367MT 66.9 million lbs.) an 18,000MT decrease from the previous week's harvest. 48,000MT. The catcher vessels sector that delivers to the shoreside plants lead the harvest last week with 15,905MT (35 million lbs). The A season harvest is at 559,085MT harvested (1.23 billion lbs.). Leaving 40,000MT to harvest (88 million lbs.) 93.5% of Pollock A seasonal allocation of 598,000MT has been harvested.

CV Shoreside 15,905MT (60 million lbs.) for season 234,955MT (517 million lbs.) leaving 35,760MT A season Pollock to harvest (78 million lbs.) 87% of the season A harvest is complete.

At Sea 8,813MT (19.4 million lbs.) for season 212,667MT (468 million lbs.) leaving 3,905MT of season A Pollock to harvest (8.6 million lbs.) 98% of the season A harvest is complete.

Mothership 5,067MT (11.1million lbs.) for season 48,953MT (107.8 million lbs.) leaving 5,191MT of season A Pollock to harvest (11.4million lbs.) 90% of the season A harvest is complete.

CDQ 582MT (1.2million lbs.) for season 62,687MT (138.1 million lbs.) leaving 43MT of season A Pollock to harvest (94,772 lbs.) 100% of the season A harvest is complete.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Through 4-5-2025 the harvest was 766MT (1.6million lbs.) of Pollack came in as an incidental catch or which means Pollock was caught in the Pacific Cod and Flatfish fisheries. The season total Pollock as incidental catch is 13,378MT (29.4 million lbs.) 29% of the harvest is complete leaving 33,054MT (72million lbs.) of incidental catch available.

Salmon Bycatch 4-5-25: Chinook last week 767 fish, the season total on Chinook bycatch has been high compared to last year is 13,539fish, 30% leaving 32,161 fish of the total bycatch of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon bycatch numbers are not available yet.

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The breakdown by cod sectors for the week ending on March 29, 2025, is listed below.

The Hook and Line Catcher Processor was 1,321MT (2.9 million lbs.) for season 20,178MT (44.4 million lbs.) leaving 41,305MT to harvest (91 million lbs.) 33% 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.

Pot Cod Catcher Processor: 0MT harvested (454,024lbs) for the season 937MT (2.06million lbs.) leaving 957MT (2.1million lbs.) to harvest 49% of the allocation of 1,894MT has been harvested.

The Trawl sector had a harvest of 1,394MT (3.0 million lbs.) by sector At Sea 9MT (19,836 lbs.) Amendment 80, 457MT (1.0 million lbs.) CV Sector 928MT (2.0 million lbs.) for season 29,850MT (65.7 million lbs.) leaving 18,093MT (39.8million lbs.) to harvest, for the trawl sectors 60% of the harvest is complete from the 48,033MT (105.8 million lbs.) trawl allocation.

CDQ Harvest: 233MT (513,532lbs.) for season 5,730MT (12.6 million lbs.) leaving 9,494MT (20.9 million lbs.) to harvest 38.5% of the harvest is complete.

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Amendment 80 Bottom Trawlers: for 4-5-25 the harvested last week was 9,168MT (20.2 million lbs.) for season 75,664MT (166.7 million lbs.) The total species Perch Rockfish, 1,634MT Kamchatka Sole 57MT Other Flatfish 1,739MT Mackerel 22,291MT, Arrowtooth Flounder, 801MT Flathead Sole, 4,584MT Rock Sole, 17,166MT Yellowfin Sole 19,671MT Alaska Plaice 1,685MT Octopus, 230MT Greenland Turbot 4MT Skate 5,729MT. Trawl Sablefish 13MT

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Meeting Last Week: Did not have to attend any.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 4-15-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab, State Water Cod, Halibut and Sablefish Species 4-15-25.
3. Groundfish Harvest Date 4-5-2025
4. NOAA Reports