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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 10-3-20, State Water Crab, Cod, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish, and State Water Black Cod 10-12-20.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The B season catch as of 10-3-2020 was 39,809MT (88million pounds) a 2,000MT decrease in harvest from the previous week with most of that harvest 30,172MT being Pollock. The season totals are 1,718,041MMT (3.83billion pounds) harvested leaving 275,008MT (614 million pounds) 86% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT has been taken.

Pollock Harvest: the allocation is set at 1.4MMT (3.1billion pounds) with a 40% harvest for the A season 620,000MT and 60% harvest 840,000MT for the B season which opened on June 10th, 2020. Last week we saw the weekly harvest decrease from 30,172MT to 30,173MT a slight decrease. The season total for this B season stands at 618,266MT a full 3 weeks behind the 2019 harvest level of 738,000MT during the same time frame. Fishing continues to be spotty we have heard of some vessels stopping fishing operations do to increased expenses from slow fishing and small fish which is impacting processing operations.

Through October 3rd we still had 154,696MT of B season Pollock to harvest by the 4 harvesting sectors. The harvesters are not going harvest the total Pollock allocation! With only 3 weeks to go and only averaging 30,000MT per week the last 4 weeks, it looks to me that there could be 64,000MT unharvested (142 million pounds). It will be especially hard for the shoreside catcher vessels that are only at 82% of their B season allocation (65,000MT to harvest) and the At Sea Processors who are at 82% (48,000MT to harvest.) The CDQ sector has 25,040MT to harvest (55 million pounds) The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 1,174,660MMT (2.62 billion pounds) and 82% seasonal harvested leaving 154,696MT (345million pounds) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sectors harvest reports for last week are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 12,731MT last week, for the season 557,191MT the B season harvest stands at 281,813MT harvested leaving 65,334MT to harvest 82% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 7,395MT last week, from their B season harvest; for the season 449,103MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 225,820MT 82% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving a B season amount of 48,916MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 4,333MT from their annual allocation is at 109,099MT the B season total is at 53,625MT leaving 15,406MT of B season allocation to harvest 78% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 3,568MT for the season 119,360MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 54,493MT has been harvested leaving 25,040MT to harvest 69% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,461MT for the season 42,499MT leaving 4,954MT to harvest 90% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 23,543 fish 39% allocation compared to 23,631 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook salmon 273,886 fish compared to 346,377 fish in 2019.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod continues to be slow which is normal for this time of year. The harvest last week ending on October 3rd, 2020 was 2,193MT including the CDQ harvest. The season harvest total for the A/B season is 118,989MT for all harvesting sectors ((265 million lbs.). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 29,424MT including CDQ (in pounds 65.7 million pounds) to harvest. The breakdown by harvesting sectors are listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 4,844MT leaving -37MT over their allocation of 4,807MT. 101% of the allocation has been harvested. This sector received a rollover from jig cod sector. The season reopened on September 1st, 2020. This sector is awaiting another rollover later this fall.

C/P Pot CPs harvested 0MT last week of B season Cod for the season 2,050MT. The B season allocation, which opens on September 1, 2020 has 24MT left and NMFS has announced a closure for September 12th, 2020.

CV Pot 60'+: harvested 0MT last week for the season 10,311MT. leaving 1,105MT of B season allocation to harvest 90% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,545MT last week for the season 50,986MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 76% of the seasonal allocation. The B season

harvest is at 17,054MT leaving 16,360MT to harvest 52% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 307MT last week for the season 13,333MT from an allocation of 14,945MT leaving 3,118MT 84% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened on January 20th. The harvest for last week was 339MT for the season and stands at 52,080MT (116 million pounds) from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 4,360MT (9.7 million pounds) of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest. I believe some of this allocation will roll over to the 60'< fixed gear sector later this fall when trawling closes by regulation on November 1, 2020.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 10MT harvested from the jig allocation of 178MT leaving 168MT 6% of the allocation has been harvested. The jig allocation had 1,300 rollovers to the 60'< fixed sector last.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on October 3rd, 2020 the total harvest stands at 290,532MT of various species, a harvest of 7,050MT occurred last week a decline of 9,000MT from the previous weeks harvest. The Amendment 80 fleet focus have moved most of their operations back over to the Eastern Bering Sea working the Sole fisheries. The seasonal totals by species is as follows, Yellowfin Sole 114,574MT, Rock Sole, 25,248MT Alaska Plaice, 19,225MT, Flathead Sole 8,062MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 9,356MT, Kamchatka Flounder 7,216MT other Flatfish 3,992MT other species harvested this season including Perch, 32,184MT Atka Mackerel 48,821MT Octopus, 682MT Skate 15,208MT Greenland Turbot, 2,305MT and Sablefish Trawl 3,695MT

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 10-12-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 2,728 landings have been made for 13.1 million pounds leaving 2.9million lbs. to harvest 82% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing continued to be good last week: the fleet harvested 300,000 lbs. harvested. There have been Halibut landings in Unalaska, but the data is still confidential until more buyers purchase fish, traditionally we have landing in the 1.0-1.3 million-pound range for Unalaska. The CDQ harvest we do have some landing posted by NMFS this week in CDQ sector Area 4D which is NW of the Pribilof Islands 225 landings for lbs. for 882,585lbs leaving 148,215lbs still to harvest in 4-D 86% of the harvest has been taken in that area. The total CDQ harvest still to be harvested is at 1.03 million pounds. Halibut prices are in a slump, running in the \$3.00-\$4.25 per pound depending on the size and port of landing. Homer is the leading port on Halibut landings at 2.37 million pounds, Kodiak, 1.35 million pounds, and Seward 1.1 million pounds.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 1,533 landings for 17.4 million lbs. leaving 14.2 million lbs. 5355% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing decreased from last week with a harvest of 700,000lbs. Prices for Sablefish ex-vessel price splits are estimated at \$2.30 per pound for fish running in the 2- to 3-pound category, \$3.15 per pound for 3 - 4 pound fish, \$4.00 per pound for 4- to 5-pounders, \$5 per pound for 5- to 7s and \$7.50 per pound for 7-ups.. There have been landings made in Unalaska, at 1.89 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 3.04 million pounds, Sitka at 3.0 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.89 million pounds.

State Water Fisheries 10-12-2020

Bristol Bay Red King Crab opens at noon Thursday October 15th the allocation is set at 2.6 million pounds including CDQ. Currently ADFG has 30 vessels pre-registered to fish BBRKC.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab opens on Thursday October 15th for the Western District only the allocation is 2.3 million pounds including CDQ allocation of 10%.

Opilio Tanner Crab (Snow Crab), opens on Thursday October 15th for 45 million pounds, including the 10% for CDQ. Traditionally this fishery does not have much effort until early January due meat infill on the crab.

State Water Pot Cod 58' < vessels, this fishery reopened on September 17th for a harvest 875,000lbs. which was the amount unharvested during the late February fishery. Through September 29th the fleet has harvested 875,164lbs. from 569 landings. 100% of the allocation has been harvested. The total harvest came in 30,928,649lbs going -1,649lbs over the allocation of 30,927,000lbs

Dutch Harbor & Aleutian Islands Sub District Jig Cod 60ft < vessels:

The State Water Dutch Harbor area Pacific Cod fishery for 58' < for jig vessels opens on May 1st for about million pounds 5 jig machines allowed per vessel. There have been a few small landings so far, there are 2 jig vessels registered to fish. The harvest amount is still confidential currently.

State Water Sablefish (Black Cod): last week there was no landing made. There are two vessels registered for the fishery they have made 40 landings last week the new numbers are as follows 392,978 lbs. landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 38,822lbs. left to harvest, 91% of the harvest is complete.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery: this fishery opened on Saturday August 1st the allocation is set at 6.6 million pounds. the allocation by district is as follows the Eastern district was 3.65 million pounds and Western district at 2.96 million pounds. There have been 17 landings from 2 vessels in the Eastern District; the catch poundage is confidential in that district but is estimated at 1.5 to 1.7 million pounds. Leaving 2.0 million pounds to harvest 47% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western

District the catch information is as follows 8 landings from 3 vessels for 690,000lbs. 23% of the Western allocation has been taken, leaving 2.2 million pounds to harvest.

Dungeness Crab Fishery, there are two vessels registered for fishing the North Peninsula area they have made 15 small landings into Unalaska, and King Cove, the catch poundage information is confidential at this time until 3 buyers purchase crab. The season closes by regulation on October 18, 2020

Regards

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Attachments:

1. NPFMC Motion on Proposed BSAI Groundfish Specs
2. AP Motion on Halibut ABM
3. Council Motion on Cook Inlet Salmon