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To: Erin Reinders, Mayor Tutikoff, and Council Members

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: October Fishery Activities

Thursday, October 1st and on Friday October 2nd last week I attend the last two days of Science Statistical Committee (SSC) their weeklong Zoom meeting on Friday afternoon. They spent the whole day on Friday on Halibut Abundance Based Management (ABM) after much discussion and public testimony the SCC recommended to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council that the document should be moved forward for public review and final action.

On October 2nd, North Pacific Fishery Management Council met on Friday afternoon in a special meeting to act on only 1 issue to approve the OFL and ABC amounts for all Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab Stocks. I will attach the Council Motion on the they OFL and ABC amounts this meeting was held so the ADFG could set the Total Allowable Catch amounts on late Friday afternoon for the harvesters and processors of the crab industry. I have already passed the ADFG approved the TAC amounts to the Manager, Mayor, and Council on Friday evening.

Monday October 5th the NPFMC Advisory Council started up they received the Groundfish preliminary reports for the 2021 fishing season they reviewed the SSC and Groundfish Plan reports on the BSAI and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Stocks. That report took all day, as they reviewed each species. At the end of the day they just moved along the preliminary 2021 OFL and ABC amounts. I will attach the spread sheet with this memo, the Groundfish plan team has one more meeting in November for their final recommendations that will be adopted by the Council at the December meeting.

On Tuesday October 6th in the morning the AP they reviewed the Action memo on Sculpin and Squid Product types that will be up for final action at the NPFMC next week. The AP reviewed the Cook Inlet Salmon which is up for initial review at the Council. Late in the morning session and into early afternoon they reviewed the 2021 Observer Deployment plan.

In the early afternoon AP took the staff report on Halibut Abundance Based Management (ABM) and that carried over to all of Wednesday morning and on Wednesday afternoon they are on Public comment with a lot of testimony from the

direct Halibut users in the BSAI and the Amendment 80 bottom trawl harvesters that are opposed to ABM management system and would rather work on a performance based system. This type of system would have a minimal reduction on their Halibut PSC amounts. They just finished public testimony and will meet again in the morning to have motions to come forward and questions for staff. I will send another memo on the AP motion on the Halibut ABM issue.

Regards

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