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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests 6-20-2020 and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests 6-28-2020

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 6-20-20 and State Water Crab, State Water Cod Harvest catch as of 6-28-20

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 6-20-2020 last week's harvest was 33,537 MT (74million pounds) a 21,000MT increase in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 24,900MT being Pollock; for the season 975,320MT (2.17billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,012,581MT (2.26 billion pounds) 49% of the overall annual harvest of 1,987,901MT has been harvested.

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. The first week full week of B season saw a harvest of 24,900MT with the majority of that amount harvested by the CV sector delivered shoreside at 14,385MT. The B season is still off to a slow start but is starting to pick up. The week ending on June 20, ,2020 the fleet had a harvest of 24,900MT by all 4 harvestings sectors. For the season 654,431MT (1.461billion pounds) was harvested 52 % seasonal harvested has been harvested leaving 735,118MT (1.64billion pounds) to harvest.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 14,385MT last week, for the B season 24,091MT harvested leaving 322,722MT to harvest 7% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 8,042MT last week, from there B season allocation, for the season 231,680MT of their annual harvest. The B season allocation to harvest is 266,339MT 3% of the B season allocation has be harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 2,299MT from their B season allocation of 68,478MT 3% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving 66,731MT to harvest.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 217MT from an B season allocation of 79,420MT leaving 79,316MT to harvest

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 449MT for the season 30,809MT leaving 16,644MT to harvest 65% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 18,700 fish 31% allocation taken compared to 16,082 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 867fish taken as bycatch compared to 29,085 fish in 2019

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod continues to be slow which is normal for this time of year. last week only 927MT for the season the harvest total for the A season is 85,949MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds 192 million lbs.) the remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 52,998MT (in pounds 118.3 million pounds). The breakdown by harvesting sectors are listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,761MT leaving --328MT over their allocation of 3,433MT. This sector will receive rollover from other cod sectors later in the year to take care of the deficit.

C/P Pot 5 CPs harvested 0MT last week for the season 1,058MT. This fishery closed on 1-12-2020. The unharvested amount of 108MT will be rolled over to the B season allocation.

CV Pot 60'+: harvested 0 MT last week for the season 5,272MT by 38 vessels of their A season allocation of 5,900MT and closed on 1-15-2020. The amount unharvested 652MT will rollover to the B season allocation which opens on September 1st.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 332MT last week for the season 33,917MT from the A season allocation of 34,346MT. The B season harvest of is 532MT leaving 32,897MT to harvest 2% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 218MT last week for the season 9,308MT from an allocation of 15,299MT leaving 7,325MT 61% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened of January 20th. The harvest for last week was 371MT for the season was stands at 44,269MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 11,139MT of A /B season trawl cod to harvest. 98% of the allocation has been harvested. The CV trawl B season April 1st. with and allocation of 8,832MT 5,371MT of B/C season Cod has been harvested leaving 11,139MT of allocation to harvest of A/B/C season cod allocation.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week for the season 10MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,278MT leaving 1,268MT 1% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the season has harvested 182,660MT of various sole species the majority being Yellowfin 87,164MT, Rock Sole, 19,021MT Alaska Plaice, 17,000MT, Flathead Sole 4,218MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,272MT other Flat Fish 3,310MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 7,223MT Atka Mackerel 27,847MT Octopus,629MT Skate 9,855MT and Greenland Turbot, 1,121MT.

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 6-28-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,035 landings have been made for 5.6 million pounds leaving 10.4 million lbs. to harvest 35% of the allocation has been harvested. Fishing continues to be good last the fleet harvested 300,000 lbs. Ex-vessel price's is still an issue with the fleet, hopefully with restaurants nationwide starting to open once again, the fresh Halibut market will come back into play to help pricing levels. There have been landings in Unalaska and CDQ landings, but the data is still confidential until more buyers purchase fish. Halibut prices are in a slump a 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 909,000lbs, Sitka at 607,000lbs. and Kodiak at 543,000lbs.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 794 landings for 10.4 million lbs. leaving 21.3 million lbs. 33% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was slow with 200,000lbs were landed. 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- to 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. The fleet is harvesting a tremendous amount of small fish keeping gross revenue per trip low. There have been some landings in Unalaska, but data is still confidential until more buyers purchase fish. Sitka is the leading port on Sablefish at 2.04 million pounds Kodiak at 997,832lbs. and Cordova at 368,962lbs

State Water Fisheries 6-28-2020

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 is 1 jig vessels registered to fish the harvest amount is still confidential at this time.

State Water Black Cod: last week saw no landings made last week. There are two vessels fishing they have made 26 landings for 302,000lbs have been landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 127,000lbs. left to harvest

Bering Sea Snow Crab (Opilio) this fishery closed on May 31, 2020, the past week there were no landings. The season total was 34.02million pounds including the CDQ harvest from an allocation of 34 million pounds. 100% of the harvest is complete. The harvesters went -5,528 pounds over their allocation.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery: this fishery is now closed. This fishery will reopen on July 15th for vessels doing Golden King Crab survey work, if no survey work is ongoing, the directed fishery will open on August 1, 2020. The total allowable catch allocation was set by the State of Alaska last week at 6.6 million pounds the allocation by district is as follows the eastern district was 3.65 million pounds and western district at 2.95 million pounds.

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