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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests 7-4-2020 and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests 7-14-2020

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-4-20 and State Water Crab, State Water Black Cod Harvest catch as of 7-14-20

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 7-4-2020 last week's harvest was 33,126MT (74million pounds) a 10,000MT decrease in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 26,808MT being Pollock; for the season 1,051,219MMT (2.34billion pounds) harvested leaving 993,682MT (2.21 billion pounds) 53% 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 third full week the of B season saw the harvest continue to be slow which is normal for the start of the B season. I checked with NMFS to see why we had over a 10,000MT drop off last week and it appeared that some of the CV fleet waiting for the fish to move closer to town so they didn't have to run up to the NW of St Paul Island to fish and have quality problems with older fish from long running times.

Last week harvest came in at 21,807MT this was a 12,000MT reduction from the previous weeks harvest. The week ending on July 4, ,2020 the fleet has had B season total harvest of 98,558MT by all 4 harvestings sectors compare to the 2019 harvest amount of 125,891MT. in 2019. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 715,351MT (1.59billion pounds) was harvested 51 % seasonal harvested has been harvested leaving 700,000MT (1.56billion pounds) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 11,413MT last week, for the season 330,685MT the B season harvest stands at 54,973MT harvested leaving 291,840MT to harvest 16% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 12,675 MT last week, from there B season harvest; for the season 254,844MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 31,561MT 12% of the B season allocation has be harvested leaving a B season amount of 243,175MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 1,069MT from their B season allocation of 68,478MT 8% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving 63,412MT to harvest.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 1,651MT from an B season allocation of 79,420MT leaving 75,6712MT to harvest 5% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 110MT for the season 31,176MT leaving 16,277MT to harvest 66% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 18,696fish 33% allocation taken compared to 16,410 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 2,274 fish taken as bycatch compared to 54,285 fish in 2019

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod continues to be slow which is normal for this time of year most of the harvest is bycatch in the Eastern Bering Sea Pollock fishery. The harvest last week was 856MT including the CDQ for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 88,051MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds 196 million lbs.) the remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 51,136MT (in pounds114.2 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 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 365MT last week for the season 35,238MT from the A season allocation of 34,346MT. The B season harvest of is 1,321MT leaving 32,108MT to harvest 4% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 277MT last week for the season 9,826MT

from an allocation of 15,299MT leaving 6,808MT 63% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened of January 20^{th.} The harvest for last week was 212MT for the season was stands at 44,858MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 10,550MT of A B/C season trawl cod to harvest. The CV trawl B season opened on April 1st. with and allocation of 8,832MT 5,960MT of B/C season Cod has been harvested leaving 10,550MT of trawl allocation to harvest from the 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 20^{th.} the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on 7-4-2020 the total harvest stands at 196,691MT of various species. The Amendment 80 fleet focus has moved over to the Aleutian Islands during the summer to harvest Perch and Atka Mackerel. The seasonal totals by species is as follows, Yellowfin 87,217MT, Rock Sole, 19,053MT Alaska Plaice, 17,036MT, Flathead Sole 4,780MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 6,200MT ,Kamchatka Flounder 5,590 other Flat Fish 3,354MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 10,797MT Atka Mackerel 31,674MT Octopus,630MT Skate 10,360MT and Greenland Turbot, 1,584MT.

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 7-14-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,209 landings have been made for 6.2 million pounds leaving 9.8million lbs. to harvest 39% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing continues to be slow last the fleet harvested 300,000 lbs. Ex-vessel price's is still and 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 in CDQ areas 4-C, D, E 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 1.04 million pounds, Seward,748,000lbs. and Sitka 618,000lbs.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 850 landings for 11 million lbs. leaving 20.6 million lbs. 35% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was picked up from the previous week with a harvest of 400,000lbs. 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- 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 still has problems with a large amount of small fish keeping gross revenue per trip low. There have been landings made in

Unalaska,1.5 million pounds the data which was released this week. Sitka is the leading port on Sablefish at 2.12 million pounds, Unalaska at 1.62 million pounds and Kodiak at 1.03 million pounds.

State Water Fisheries 7-14-2020

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

State Water Black Cod: last week saw no landings, there are two vessels fishing they have made 26 landings for 295,000lbs landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 133,867lbs. 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. We understand from ADFG this morning that there will not be any survey work in July so the Golden King Crab 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 2.96 million pounds. We expect 4-5 vessels to fish the Golden King Crab season.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery: has and allocation of 2,900ST in pounds (5.8 million pounds) The fishery opens on July 15th we expect 2 -3 seiners o fish.

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