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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests 7-18-2020 and

State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests 7-27-2020

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-18-20 and State Water Crab, State Water Black Cod Harvest catch as of 7-21-20

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 7-18-2020 last week's harvest was 45,475MT (101million pounds) a 2,500MT increase in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 38,023MT being Pollock; for the season 1,140,729MMT (2.54billion pounds) harvested leaving 847,172MT (1.89 billion pounds) 57% of the overall annual harvest of 1.98MMT.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The fifth full week the of B season saw the harvest continue to be slow which is according to harvesters I've talk to fishing is slow for the CV sector fleet and small fish they would like to see fish school up close to town. The season total for this B season stands at 171,686MT compared to 245,895MT in 2019 during the same period so you can see the difference and now with the PV American Triumph off the grounds the At Sea sector harvest will be impacted next week.

Last week harvest came in at 38,023MT this was a 4,000MT increase from the previous weeks harvest mostly from the At Sea Processor fleet. The week ending on July 18, ,2020 the fleet has had B season total harvest of 171,686MT by all 4 harvestings sectors compare to the 2019 harvest amount of 245,895MT. in 2019. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 788,078MT (1.76billion pounds) was harvested 56% seasonal harvested has been harvested leaving 600,971MT (1.34billion pounds) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 16,281MT last week, for the season 357,260MT the B season harvest stands at 81,548MT harvested leaving 265,265MT to harvest 24% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 16,448MT last week, from there B season harvest; for the season 292,352MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 69,069MT 25% of the B season allocation has be harvested leaving a B season amount of 205,667MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 2,773MT from their annual allocation is at 65,710MT the B season total is at 10,235MT leaving 58,795MT of B season allocation to harvest 15% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 2,521MT for the season 73,156MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 8,289MT harvested leaving 71,244MT to harvest 10% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 329MT for the season 31,876MT leaving 15,577MT to harvest 67% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 18,904fish 35% allocation taken compared to 16,524 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 4,764fish taken as bycatch compared to 91,385 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 ending on July 18<sup>th</sup> was 1,391MT including the CDQ for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 90,410MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds 201 million lbs.) the remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 48,777MT (in pounds 108 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 890MT last week for the season 36,543MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 54% of the seasonal allocation. The B season harvest of is at 2,625MT leaving 30,803MT to harvest 8% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 86MT last week for the season 10,119MT from an allocation of 15,299MT leaving 6,427MT 66% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened of January 20<sup>th.</sup> The harvest for last week was 391MT for the season was stands at 45,815MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 10,131MT of A B/C season trawl cod to harvest. The CV trawl B season opened on April 1<sup>st</sup>. with and allocation of 8,832MT of B/C season Cod has been harvested leaving 10,131MT of trawl allocation to harvest from the of A/B/C season trawl cod allocation.

Pacific Cod Jig: 10MT harvested last week for the season 20MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,278MT leaving 1,258MT 1% of the allocation has been harvested

**Amendment 80 Fisheries:** opened on January 20<sup>th.</sup> the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on 7-18-2020 the total harvest stands at 208,128MT 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 87,290MT, Rock Sole, 19,131MT Alaska Plaice, 17,070MT, Flathead Sole 5,386MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,024MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,341 other Flat Fish 3,393MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 14,447MT Atka Mackerel 34,533MT Octopus,632MT Skate 11,102MT and Greenland Turbot, 1,860MT.

#### Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 7-27-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,419 landings have been made for 7.09 million pounds leaving 8.9million lbs. to harvest 44% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing slowed last week the fleet harvested only 200,000 lbs. There have been landings in Unalaska, but the data is still confidential until more buyers purchase fish. The CDQ harvest we do have some landing posted by NMFS this week in CDQ sector Area 4-D which is NW of the Pribilof Islands 4 landings for 108,609lbs. leaving 121,191lbs still to harvest in 4-D 47% of the harvest taken. The total CDQ harvest still to be harvests is at 1.03 million pounds. 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 1.2 million pounds, Seward,859,000lbs. and Sitka 677,000lbs.

**Sablefish**: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 909 landings for 11.53 million lbs. leaving 20.1 million lbs. 36% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was awfully slow from the previous harvest with only150,000 harvested. I assume with the increase in Halibut last week most of the longlines focused on Halibut last week. 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, at 1.65 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 2.3 million pounds, Sitka at 2.19 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.65 million pounds.

### **State Water Fisheries 7-27-2020**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Sablefish (Black Cod):** last week there were no landings made last week. There are two vessels registered for the fishery they have made 28 landings for 300,862lbs landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 128,862lbs. 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 August 1,2020 the total allowable catch allocation was set by the State of Alaska 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 2,027 tons. in pounds (4.0 million pounds) The fishery opens on July 15<sup>th</sup> we expect 2 -3 seiners to fish the fishery. The fishery is managed out of Sand Point ADFG office I there have been some harvest but the ADFG is keeping it confidential until more buyers come online, and there is only 1-2 seiners fishing.

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