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**Subject:** Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests 6-27-2020 and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests 7-7-2020

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 6-27-20 and State Water Crab, State Water Black Cod Harvest catch as of 7-7-20**

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 6-27-2020 last week's harvest was 42,378MT (94million pounds) a 10,000MT increase in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 33,937MT being Pollock; for the season 1,017,984MMT (2.27billion pounds) harvested leaving 969,917MT (2.16 billion pounds) 51% 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The second full week the of B season saw the harvest continue to increase at the start of the Pollock B season which is normal last week harvest came in at 33,937MT much of that amount was harvested by the CV sector delivered to shoreside plants at 19,129MT. The week ending on June 27, ,2020 the fleet has had B season total harvest of 92,857MT by all 4 harvestings sectors compare to the 2019 harvest amount of 125,000MT. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 688,470MT (1.53billion 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 19,129MT last week, for the season 319,198MT the B season harvest stands at 43,486MT harvested leaving 303,327MT to harvest 13% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 10,490 MT last week, from there B season allocation, for the season 242,170MT of their annual harvest. The B season allocation to harvest is 266,339MT 7% of the B season allocation has be harvested leaving 255,849MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 2,250MT from their B season allocation of 68,478MT 7% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving 64,481MT to harvest.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 1,994MT from an B season allocation of 79,420MT leaving 77,322MT 3% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 256MT for the season 31,064MT leaving 16,389MT to harvest 65% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 18,692fish 31% allocation taken compared to 16,410 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 2,125fish 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. last week only 1,006MT for the season the harvest total for the A season is 87,195MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds 194 million lbs.) the remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 51,992MT (in pounds 116.3 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 389MT last week for the season 34,827MT from the A season allocation of 34,346MT. The B season harvest of is 910MT leaving 32,090MT to harvest 3% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 240MT last week for the season 9,549MT from an allocation of 15,299MT leaving 7,085MT 62% 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 377MT for the season was stands at 44,646MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 10,762MT of A /B season trawl cod to harvest. 99% of the allocation has been harvested. The CV trawl B season opened on April 1<sup>st</sup>. with

and allocation of 8,832MT 5,748MT of B/C season Cod has been harvested leaving 10,762MT 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 20<sup>th</sup>. the Amendment 80 sector for the season the harvest has increased to 193,897MT of various sole species the Amendment 80 fleet focus has moved over to the Aleutian Islands fishing for Perch and Atka Mackerel. The seasonal totals by species is as follows, Yellowfin 87,213MT, Rock Sole, 19,043MT Alaska Plaice, 17,635MT, Flathead Sole 4,668MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,874MT ,Kamchatka Flounder 4,693 other Flat Fish 3,344MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 8,816MT Atka Mackerel 30,460MT Octopus,629MT Skate 10,141MT and Greenland Turbot, 1,381MT.

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

**Halibut:** the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,105 landings have been made for 5.9 million pounds leaving 10.1million lbs. to harvest 37% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing continues to be good last the fleet harvested 270,000 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 in CDQ areas 4-B, 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 956,000lbs, Seward,712,000lbs. and Sitka 609,000lbs.

**Sablefish:** the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 817 landings for 10.6 million lbs. leaving 21.04 million lbs. 34% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was slow with only 200,000lbs 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 landings made in Unalaska,1.5 million pounds the data which was released this week. Sitka is the leading port on Sablefish at 2.89 million pounds, Unalaska at 1.57 million pounds and Kodiak at 1.0 million pounds.

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

**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 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 295,000lbs landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 133,000lbs. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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