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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 8-8-20, State Water Crab, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish, State Water Black Cod, and Herring Harvest of 8-17-2020

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 8-8-2020 last week's harvest was 50,893MT (113million pounds) a 15,000MT decrease in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 40,000MT being Pollock; for the season 1,311,325MMT (2.92billion pounds) harvested leaving 681,724MT (1.52billion pounds) 66% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT has been taken.

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. Last week we saw the weekly harvest drop once again from 54,933MT the previous week back down to 40,826MT a drop of 15,000MT. The season total for this B season stands at 311,861MT compared to 417,467MT in 2019 during the same time frame which is a full 2 weeks behind 2019 harvest level. Fishing continues to be spotty especially for the CV sector with a lot of small fish and some vessels have stayed in town a few extra days hoping for things to improve.

Through August 8th we still had 461,000MT of B season Pollock still to harvest by the 4 harvesting sectors they are going to have to average close to 50,000MT per week during the next 10 weeks to get the allocation and so far this B season they have had only 1 week of a harvest over 50,000MT. The Pollock sector may have a tough time harvesting the total B season allocation by the November 1st closure NMFS regulation, especially the shoreside catcher vessels that are only at 42% of the B season allocation. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 928,825MT (2.07billion pounds) was harvested 66% seasonal harvest has been harvested leaving 461,088MT (1.03billion pounds) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 17,612MT last week, for the season 416,352MT the B season harvest stands at 140,641MT harvested leaving

206,173MT to harvest 41% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 16,216MT last week, from there B season harvest; for the season 352,468MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 129,185MT 47% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving a B season amount of 145,551MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 3,535MT from their annual allocation is at 80,025MT the B season total is at 24,550MT leaving 44,480MT of B season allocation to harvest 31% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 3,464MT for the season 79,516MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 14,649MT harvested leaving 64,884MT to harvest 18% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 401MT for the season 32,598MT leaving 14,855MT to harvest 69% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 19,090fish 32% allocation taken compared to 18,479 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 35,352 fish taken as bycatch compared to 157,870 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 except for the freezer longline CP sector. The harvest last week ending on August 8,2020 was 1,702MT including the CDQ harvest, for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 95,506MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds (213 million lbs.)). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 51,376MT including CDQ (in pounds 114 million pounds) to harvest. 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, which opens on September 1, 2020.

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 762MT last week for the season 39,272MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 58% of the seasonal allocation. The B

season harvest of is at 5,354MT leaving 28,074MT to harvest 16% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 354MT last week for the season 11,289MT from an allocation of 14,945MT leaving 5,242MT 73% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened of January 20th. The harvest for last week was 442MT for the season was stands at 46,934MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 9,134MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest. I believe some of this allocation will roll over to 60' < fixed gear sector.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week for the season 30MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,278MT leaving 1,248MT 2% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on 8-8-2020 the total harvest stands at 230,857MT of various species a harvest 15,000MT last week. 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 Sole 88,017MT, Rock Sole, 19,580MT Alaska Plaice, 17,165MT, Flathead Sole 5,930MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,600MT ,Kamchatka Flounder 6,808 other Flat Fish 3,583MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 22,731MT Atka Mackerel 42,604MT Octopus,636MT Skate 12,402MT Greenland Turbot, 2,005MT.and Sablefish Trawl 1,796MT

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 8-17-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,774 landings have been made for 8.55million pounds leaving 7.52 million lbs. to harvest 53% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing pickup last week: the fleet harvested 650,000 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 which is NW of the Pribilof Islands 49 landings for 175,153lbs. leaving 54,647lbs still to harvest in 4-D 76% of the harvest has been taken in that area; the other CDQ harvest areas are still confidential. 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 1.63 million pounds, Seward,899,290lbs. and Sitka 741,320lbs.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 1,016landings for 12.5 million lbs. leaving 19.2 million lbs. 39% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was still slow, with only 200,000lbs.

harvested. 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 1.71 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 2.42 million pounds, Sitka at 2.31 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.72 million pounds.

State Water Fisheries 8-17-2020

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 Sablefish (Black Cod): last week there was 1 small landing made last week. There are two vessels registered for the fishery they have made 31 landings ADFG revised the harvest totals from last week the new numbers are as follows 304,652lbs landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 125,148lbs. left to harvest 70% of the harvest is complete.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery: this fishery opened on Saturday August 1st the allocation is set 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 had the first landing in Unalaska on Sunday from the Eastern District the catch information is still confidential at this time until more processors have landings made to Unalaska shoreplants.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery: the fishery remains open but no participation by any harvesters last week. The allocation for the Herring Food and Bait fishery was of 2,900 tons. in pounds (5.8 million pounds) The fishery opens on July 15th 2 seiners were registered to fish. The fishery is managed out of Sand Point, Alaska ADFG office, they reported to me last week that has been little interest in the fishery, only 447 short tons were harvested (900,000lbs.) Westward Seafoods was the only processor that purchased fish, this is one of the smallest Herring harvests in many years. The rumors I have heard was that some processors had a large amount of frozen Herring inventory still on hand from last year, and with crab quotas except for Snow Crab to be very small there was no need to purchase more Bait Herring.

Regards

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