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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 8-15-20, State Water Crab, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish, State Water Black Cod, and Herring Harvest of 8-24-2020

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 8-15-2020 last week's harvest was 59,795MT (133million pounds) a 10,000MT decrease in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 49,000MT being Pollock; for the season 1,372,205MMT (3.06billion pounds) harvested leaving 620,844MT (1.38billion pounds) 69% 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 increase from 40,826MT the previous week to 49,013MT a drop of 8,500MT. The season total for this B season stands at 361,763MT compared to 468,094MT in 2019 during the same time frame which is a full 2 weeks behind the 2019 harvest level. Fishing continues to be spotty especially for the CV sector with a lot of small fish, the At Sea Processors have petitioned the Secretary Commerce to not close the winter Herring Saving Area that would allow their sector to continue to fish Pollock in the at area which closes on September 1st 2020.

Through August 15th we still had 411,000MT 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 9 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 47% of the B season allocation. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 977,838MT (2.18billion pounds) and 68% seasonal harvested leaving 411,000MT (918,174lbs.) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 18,926MT last week, for the season 435,604MT the B season harvest stands at 159,893MT harvested leaving 186,921MT to harvest 47% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 20,781MT last week, from their B season harvest; for the season 374,105MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 1150,821MT 55% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving a B season amount of 123,914MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 2,555MT from their annual allocation is at 82,580MT the B season total is at 27,105MT leaving 41,925MT of B season allocation to harvest 40% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 6571MT for the season 86,267MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 21,400MT harvested leaving 58,133MT to harvest 27% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 408MT for the season 33,000MT leaving 14,453MT to harvest 70% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 19,384fish 33% allocation compared to 18,805 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 55,566 fish taken as bycatch compared to 167,385fish in 2019

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod continue 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 15,2020 was 2,173MT including the CDQ harvest, for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 97,679MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds (218 million lbs.)). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 49,203MT including CDQ (in pounds 109 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 1,2020.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 762MT last week for the season 40,622MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 60% of the seasonal allocation. The B season harvest is at 6,705MT leaving 26,724MT to harvest 20% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 360MT last week for the season 11,649MT from an allocation of 14,945MT leaving 4,882MT 75% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened on January 20th. The harvest for last week was 549MT for the season and stands at 47,483MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 8,585MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest. I believe some of this allocation will roll over to the 60' < fixed gear sector this fall.

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 8-15-2020 the total harvest stands at 238,190MT of various species, a harvest of 8,000MT 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 88,678MT, Rock Sole, 19,822MT Alaska Plaice, 17,195MT, Flathead Sole 6,155MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,822MT, Kamchatka Flounder 7,015 other Flatfish 3,677MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 24,991MT Atka Mackerel 45,276MT Octopus, 639MT Skate 12,848MT Greenland Turbot, 2,097MT. and Sablefish Trawl 1,975MT

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 8-24-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,893 landings have been made for 9.2million pounds leaving 6.88 million lbs. to harvest 57% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing continued to be good last week: the fleet harvested 600,000 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 86 landings for 258,550lbs. leaving -28,750lbs still to harvest in 4-D 113% of the harvest has been taken in that area; the other CDQ harvest areas are still confidential. The total CDQ harvest still to be harvested is at 1.03 million pounds. Halibut prices are in a slump, 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 1.68 million pounds, Seward, 933,551lbs. and Kodiak 817,543lbs.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 1,048 landings for 12.9 million lbs. leaving 19.2 million lbs. 41% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing improved, with 400,000lbs. 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 1.73 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 2.5 million pounds, Sitka at 2.39 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.73 million pounds.

State Water Fisheries 8-24-2020

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 are 2 jig vessels registered to fish. The harvest amount is still confidential currently.

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 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. There have been 2 landings in Unalaska last week from the Eastern District; the catch information is still confidential currently until more processors purchase crab. ADFG believes that the first landings from the Western District will be made in Unalaska this week there are 3 vessels fishing that area. With the closure of the Adak shore plant the 2.9 million pounds allocation will be landed in Unalaska and Akutan.

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 2,900 tons. in pounds (5.8 million pounds) The fishery opened 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 there 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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