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**Subject:** Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests 7-25-2020 and State Water Crab, and IFQ Halibut/Sablefish Harvests 8-3-2020

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-25-20, State Water Crab, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish, and State Water Black Cod and Herring Harvest of 8-3-2020**

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 7-25-2020 last week's harvest was 54,835MT (122million pounds) a 10,000MT increase in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 43,000MT being Pollock; for the season 1,195,606MMT (2.67billion pounds) harvested leaving 792,295MT (1.76 billion pounds) 60% 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 six 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 with small fish they would like to see fish school up closer to Unalaska. The season total for this B season stands at 215,264MT compared to 306,604MT in 2019 almost a 11% reduction during the same period. I have not heard if the American Triumph is back on the grounds which will affect the At Sea Sector harvest rate.

Last week harvest came in at 43,570MT this was a 6,000MT increase from the previous weeks harvest mostly from the Catch Vessels and At Sea Processor fleets. The week ending on July 25, ,2020 the fleet has had B season total harvest of 215,264MT by all 4 harvestings sectors compare to the 2019 harvest amount of 306,604MT. in 2019 during the same time period almost a 11% catch rate below 2019 fishing season. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 833,066MT (1.86billion pounds) was harvested 58% seasonal harvested has been harvested leaving 556,383MT (1.24billion pounds) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 19,326MT last week, for the season 376,593MT the B season harvest stands at 100,881MT harvested leaving 245,932MT to harvest 29% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 18,998MT last week, from there B season harvest; for the season 311,711MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 88,067MT 32% of the B season allocation has be harvested leaving a B season amount of 186,668MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 4,109MT from their annual allocation is at 69,819MT the B season total is at 14,344MT leaving 54,686MT of B season allocation to harvest 21% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 2,147MT for the season 75,303MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 10,436MT harvested leaving 69,097MT to harvest 13% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 178MT for the season 32,056MT leaving 15,397MT to harvest 68% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 19,080fish 31% allocation taken compared to 16,559 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 9,982ish taken as bycatch compared to 129,348 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 25<sup>th</sup> was 1,987MT including the CDQ harvest, for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 92,397MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds (206 million lbs.)). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 46,790MT (in pounds 104 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<sup>st</sup>.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,164MT last week for the season 37,711MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 56% of the seasonal allocation. The B season harvest of is at 3,794MT leaving 29,635MT to harvest 11% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 428MT last week for the season 10,547MT from an allocation of 15,299MT leaving 5,999MT 68% 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 385MT for the season was stands at 46,200MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 9,746MT 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 9,217MT of B/C season Cod has been harvested leaving 9,746MT of trawl allocation to harvest from the A/B/C season trawl cod allocation.

Pacific Cod Jig: 10MT 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 20<sup>th</sup>. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on 7-25-2020 the total harvest stands at 215,412MT of various species a catch of 7,000MT 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 87,534MT, Rock Sole, 19,266MT Alaska Plaice, 17,119MT, Flathead Sole 5,579MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,149MT ,Kamchatka Flounder 6,518 other Flat Fish 3,428MT other species harvested this season include Perch, 17,164MT Atka Mackerel 37,418MT Octopus,632MT Skate 11,603MT and Greenland Turbot, 2,002MT.

### **Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 8-3-2020**

**Halibut:** the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 1,557 landings have been made for 7.56million pounds leaving 8.5 million lbs. to harvest 47% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing picked up last week, the fleet harvested only 500,000 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 has been taken in that area. 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 1.27 million pounds, Seward,888,000lbs. and Sitka 727,000lbs.

**Sablefish:** the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 947 landings for 11.88 million lbs. leaving 19.8 million lbs. 76% of the allocation has been harvested. The past weeks fishing was still slow from the previous harvest with only 300,000lbs. 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 1.66 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 2.36 million pounds, Sitka at 2.25 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.66 million pounds.

### **State Water Fisheries 8-3-2020**

#### **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 was 1 small landing made of 3,000 pounds. There are two vessels registered for the fishery they have made 29 landings for 304,158lbs landed in Unalaska from a guideline harvest of 429,000 lbs. leaving 125,642lbs. left to harvest

**Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery:** this fishery reopened on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 expect 4-5 vessels to fish the Golden King Crab season. We should have the first catch and price information in about two weeks.

**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, there have been some harvest but the ADFG is keeping it confidential due to only one processor buying Herring there are only 1-2 seiners fishing we won't get the total catch amount until the fishery is closed

Regards

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