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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 8-22-20, State Water Crab, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish, State Water Black Cod, and Herring Harvest of 8-31-2020

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The B season catch as of 8-22-2020 last week's harvest was 56,897MT (127million pounds) a 3,500MT decrease in harvest from the previous week with the majority of the harvest 45,000MT being Pollock; for the season 1,429,450MMT (3.193billion pounds) harvested leaving 563,599MT (1.25billion pounds) 72% 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 decrease from 49,013MT the previous week to 45,867MT a drop of 4,500MT. The season total for this B season stands at 407,972MT compared to 520,215MT in 2019 during the same time frame which is a full 2.5 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. We should hear something about that request later this week.

Through August 22nd we still had 364,685MT of B season Pollock still to harvest by the 4 harvesting sectors. The harvesters are going to have to average close to 40,000MT per week during the next 8 weeks to harvest their allocation. The Pollock sector may have a tough time harvesting the total B season allocation by the November 1st which is closure date by regulation. It will be especially hard for the shoreside catcher vessels that are only at 53% of their B season allocation. The Pollock A/B season total harvest stands at 1,024,764MMT (2.28billion pounds) and 73% seasonal harvested leaving 364,685MT (814,706,290lbs.) of Pollock B season to harvest. The four harvesting sector harvest reports are listed below.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 21,026MT last week, for the season 456,972MT the B season harvest stands at 181,260MT harvested leaving 165,553MT to harvest 53% of the B season has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: harvest 13,669MT last week, from their B season harvest; for the season 387,774MT of their annual harvest has been taken. The B season harvest is 164,491MT 60% of the B season allocation has been harvested leaving a B season amount of 110,245MT to harvest.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 4,386MT from their annual allocation is at 86,965MT the B season total is at 31,491MT leaving 37,540MT of B season allocation to harvest 46% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 6,786MT for the season 93,053MT has been harvested. The B season allocation 28,186MT harvested leaving 51,347MT to harvest 35% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 603MT for the season 33,601MT leaving 13,852MT to harvest 71% of annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: Chinook bycatch stands at 19,551fish 34% allocation compared to 19,346 fish in 2019. Non-Chinook 98,713fish taken as bycatch compared to 185,624fish 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 each is bycatch in the Eastern Bering Sea Pollock fishery except for the freezer longline CP sector and CDQ sectors. The harvest last week ending on August 22,2020 was 2,149MT including the CDQ harvest, for the season the harvest total for the A/B season is 99,828MT for all harvesting sectors (in pounds (223 million lbs.)). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 47,054MT including CDQ (in pounds 105 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 1,335MT last week for the season 41,934MT from the A/B season allocation of 67,346MT 62% of the seasonal allocation. The B season harvest is at 8,016MT leaving 25,412MT to harvest 24% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 200MT last week for the season 11,849MT from an allocation of 14,945MT leaving 4,682MT 76% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery opened on January 20th. The harvest for last week was 615MT for the season and stands at 48,098MT from all three harvesting sectors, leaving 7,970MT 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 10MT harvested from the jig allocation of 178MT leaving 168MT 6% of the allocation has been harvested. The jig allocation had 1,300 rollovers to the 60' < fixed sector last.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on 8-22-2020 the total harvest stands at 244,705MT of various species, a harvest of 6,000MT occurred 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 90,507MT, Rock Sole, 19,842MT Alaska Plaice, 17,344MT, Flathead Sole 6,258MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,966MT, Kamchatka Flounder 7,036MT other Flatfish 3,721MT other species harvested this season including Perch, 26,856MT Atka Mackerel 46,958MT Octopus, 640MT Skate 13,245MT Greenland Turbot, 2,133MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,199MT

Halibut/ Sablefish IFQ Fisheries: 8-31-2020

Halibut: the allocation is set at 16.079 million pounds for the season 2,059 landings have been made for 10.08 million pounds leaving 5.99 million lbs. to harvest 63% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. Fishing continued to be good last week: the fleet harvested 800,000 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 4D which is NW of the Pribilof Islands 86 landings for 378,155lbs. leaving -148,355lbs still to harvest in 4-D 165% 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 1.89 million pounds, Seward, 980,445lbs. and Kodiak 922,498lbs.

Sablefish: the allocation is set at 31.7 million lbs. for the season 1,114 landings for 13.6 million lbs. leaving 18.06 million lbs. 43% of the allocation has been harvested. The past

weeks fishing improved, with 600,000lbs. 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 1.75 million pounds. Seward is the leading port on Sablefish landings at 2.67 million pounds, Sitka at 2.37 million pounds and Unalaska at 1.75 million pounds.

State Water Fisheries 8-31-2020

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. 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 3 landings in Unalaska from the Eastern District; 2 from The Western District the catch information is still confidential currently until more processors purchase crab. There are 5 vessels registered 2 in the Eastern and 3 Western districts. With the closure of the Adak shore plant the 2.9 million pounds allocation in the Western District 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.

Regards

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