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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests and State Water Crab.

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 2-6-21, State Water Crab, 2-15-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 Groundfish A season opened on January 1st with the fixed gear sector fishing Pacific Cod The trawl Groundfish fishery open on January 20th the big new last week was Alyeska plant went down again on Friday for two weeks. Last week Groundfish harvest ending on February 6th was 58,796MT the harvest was almost all Pollock 46,857MT. The catcher vessel Cod trawl fleet went back fishing on Friday 2-12-21 so far 1,359MT of trawl cod has been harvested mostly as bycatch in the Pollock and Flatfish fisheries. The Catcher Processors Cod Freezer longline fleet is doing well and have harvested 7,439MT of there A season. Most of the 60'> over pot cod vessels and Catcher Processor pot cod vessels have harvested their A season allocations. The 60'< under pot cod vessels fishing the state water pot cod fishery as of Friday 2-12-21 3.4 million pounds have been harvested leaving 23.9 million pounds to harvest from the 27.5-million-pound allocation.

The Snow Crab Fishery is almost back too normal with the 2 plants in Unalaska, 1 plant in St Paul, and the Peter Pan plant in King Cove, are operating. The Trident Akutan plant and Alyeska Seafoods went down again last week. Much of the fleet is fishing their Northern shares which must be unloaded at the Trident Plant at St Paul Island. The breakdown by region, North 6.4 million pounds 43% leaving 8.6 million pounds. South 3.5 million pounds is at 21% leaving 13.5 million pounds, we also have an additional 3.5 million pounds of CDQ Snow Crab to harvest.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 2-6-2021 was 58,796MT (131 million pounds) with most of the harvest 46,000MT of Pollock. The season totals are 118,382MT (254 million pounds) harvested leaving 1,816,224MMT (4.05 billion pounds) 6% of the overall annual harvest of 1.93MMT (4.31 billion pounds).

Bering Sea Crab, Snow Crab 11.9 million pounds harvested, leaving 33.1 million to harvest 26% of allocation complete. Golden King Crab 5.3 harvested leaving 1.0 million

pounds to harvest 85% of the allocation compete. Biardi Tanner Crab 663,000lbs harvested leaving 1.5million pounds to harvest 31% of the allocation taken.

Pollock: the Pollock A season opens on January 20th with and allocation of 596,000MT (1.3billion pounds) this 40% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT (3.07Billion pounds). The A season breakdown by sector is as follows CV shoreside 267,000MT At Sea CPs 213,840MT Mothership 53,460MT, CDQ 61,875MT. The harvest by sector for the week ending on 2-6-2021 is 46,857MT leaving 515,140MT of A season allocation to harvest 13.5% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 14,336MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 594,000MT the A season harvest is 21,913MT leaving 245,387MT to harvest 8% of the A season has been taken.

At Sea Processors: harvest 13,728MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 475,200MT the A season harvest is 31,699MT. The A season harvest has 1182,141MT of the A season allocation to harvested 15% of the A season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvest last week was 6,663MT from their annual allocation is at 118,800MT the A season total is at 8,224MT leaving 45,236MT of A season allocation to harvest 15% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvest last week was 12,130MT the seasonal allocation is 137,500MT. The A season allocation is 61,875MT 19,570MT has been harvested, leaving 42,305MT of the A season to harvest 32% of the allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 839MT for the season 1,418MT leaving 48,082MT to harvest 3% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 2,055 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation left is 59,000 fish, other salmon Chum 27 fish.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on February 6, 2021 was 2,925MT (6.5 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the fixed gear fleet in the Bering Sea. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 14,306MT from all harvesting sectors ((31.9million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 110,793MT including CDQ (in pounds 241million pounds) to harvest 5% of the allocation has been taken. The breakdown by harvesting sectors is listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 8MT last week for the season 3,238MT leaving -206MT of the 3,122MT allocation -104% of the allocation has been taken the fishery closed.

C/P Pot CPs harvested 0MT last week of A season Cod for the season 792MT. 100% of this sector A sector allocation has been harvested leaving 58MT of A season allocation to harvest this amount will roll over to the B season allocation, fishery is now closed.

CV Pot 60’>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 4,390MT. leaving 371MT of A season allocation to harvest 93% of the A season allocation has been harvested. This sector closed on January 21st we will have the final A season numbers next week the unharvested amount will rollover to the B season.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,815MT last week for the season 7,439MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT The A season harvest is set at 27,600MT leaving 20,161MT to harvest 27% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 348MT last week for the season 451MT from an allocation of 11,918MT leaving 12,944MT 4% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20,2021, with and A season allocation of 31,344MT the breakdown between sector is catcher vessels 18,281MT Amendment 80 11,234MT AFA At Sea fleet 1,928MT. I understand that most of catcher vessel cod trawlers went fishing on Friday 2-12-21. We did have 754MT harvested last week with 391MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 209MT and CV sector 154MT as bycatch in their flatfish fisheries leaving 30,102MT of A season trawl cod 4% of the harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 665MT leaving 665MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested. NOAA reallocated 900MT of jig cod to 60’< pot cod vessels.

State Water 60’< pot cod season opens on 2-12-21 for the state water pot cod fishery is going well 3.4 million pounds harvested leaving 23.9 million pounds to harvest from the 27.5-million-pound allocation.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on February 6, 2021 the total harvest stands 17,469MT of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 8,161MT the seasonal totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 4,716MT, Rock Sole,509MT Alaska Plaice, 485MT, Flathead Sole 285MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 35MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1MT other Flatfish 34MT other species harvested this season including Perch, 122MT Atka Mackerel 1,393MT Octopus,1MT Skate 579MT Greenland Turbot, 1MT and Sablefish Trawl 0MT

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Bering Sea Tanner Crab opened on Thursday October 15th for the Western District only the allocation is 2.3 million pounds including CDQ allocation of 10%. There have been 48 landings made, for 663,948lbs. leaving 1.6 million pounds including CDQ harvest 31% of the harvest is completed. ADFG reports fishing has been slow with a CPUE of 16 crab per pot with seven vessels are currently fishing. There were no small landings was made last week with Snow Crab deliveries.

Opilio Tanner Crab (Snow Crab), opens on Thursday October 15th for 45 million pounds, including the 10% for CDQ. Traditionally this fishery does not have much effort until early January due meat infill on the crab. Fishing has been terribly slow for much of the fleet, there has been some good reports of decent fishing west of St Matthew but the vessels there may have issues from ice coming down soon and may have to leave the area. There have been 104 landings so far for 11.9 million pounds 26% of the harvest is complete leaving 33.3 million pounds to harvest including the CDQ portion. The breakdown by region North 6.4 million pounds 43% leaving 8.6 million pounds. South 3.5 million pounds is 21% leaving 13.5 million pounds, we also have an additional 3.5 million pounds of CDQ Snow Crab to harvest.

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 52 landings from 2 vessels in the Eastern District; the catch poundage the harvest stands at 3.58 million pounds there were no landing made last week. Leaving 1,124lbs. to harvest 100% of the allocation has been harvested the projected closure for the Eastern District could be in late December. The Western District the catch information is as follows 26 landings from 3 vessels for 1.7 million pounds 70% of the Western allocation has been taken, leaving 1.0 million pounds to harvest There were 3 landings made last week from the Western District.

Regards

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