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

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 4-10-21, and State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 4-19-21.

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 20, 2021. Last week Groundfish harvest ending on April 10th was 48,501MT which was 27,000MT lower than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock fishery winding down for three of the four sectors. The Pollock harvest by sector for the week ending on 4-10-2021 was 34,800MT with much of that harvest by the CV sector with 28,000MT for the week. The Pollock season harvest stands at 529,269MT of A season allocation to harvest 89% of the A season allocation has been harvested leaving 73,713MT. The current catch is 71,622MT behind last year's harvest during the same time, that is a full two weeks of harvest behind. The At Sea, Mothership, and CDQ sectors have completed their A season harvest. The CV sector which has the largest allocation 266,000MT has harvested 74% of the A season allocation leaving 71,000MT (158 million pounds) still to harvest. If the CV sector can get another 2-3 weeks of decent fishing, they will just about complete the A season harvest. The unharvested amount of Pollock will rollover to the Pollock B season.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 4-10-2021 was 48,501MT (108 million pounds) with most of the harvest 34,000MT was Pollock. The season totals are 698,382MT (1.5 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,289,655MMT (2.88 billion pounds) 35% of the overall annual harvest of 1.98MMT (4.4 billion pounds).

Pollock: the Pollock A season opens on January 20th with an 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 4-10-2021 is 34,800MT. The season total harvest stands at 529,269MT leaving 73,731MT of A season allocation to harvest 89% of the A season

allocation has been harvested. The CV sector has 71,000MT of A season Pollock still to harvest. The current catch is 71,000MT behind last year's harvest during the same time, that's a full 2 weeks of harvest behind. I do not know that can be made up which the unharvested amount will rollover to the B season. If the CV sector can have another 2 good weeks, I believe the roll over amount would be manageable during the Pollock B season.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 28,244MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 594,000MT the A season harvest is 147,998MT leaving 119,302MT A season harvest 55% of the A season has been taken. This sector is getting back on track after the largest harvest of the year for the CV sector vessels last week.

At Sea Processors: harvested 2,906MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 475,200MT the A season harvest is 190,109MT. The A season harvest has 23,731MT of the A season allocation to harvested 89% of the A season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 3,650MT from their annual allocation is at 118,800MT the A season total is at 44,172MT leaving 9,288MT of A season allocation to harvest 83% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal allocation is 137,500MT. The A season allocation is 61,875MT with 62,596MT having been harvested, leaving - 721MT of the A season to harvest 101% of the allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,850MT for the season 19,158MT leaving 30,342MT to harvest 39% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 8,409 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 18% leaving 37,291 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, In the other salmon category Chum salmon 104 fish this season.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on April 10, 2021 was 2,819MT (6.2 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 1,541MT. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 62,639MT from all harvesting sectors (139 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 59,000MT including CDQ (in pounds 131 million pounds) 55% of the seasonal allocation has been taken. The breakdown by harvesting sectors is listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 15MT last week for the season 3,324MT -292MT over the Cod allocation of 3,122MT the 106% fishery is 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 4,376MT leaving 385MT of A season allocation to harvest 92% 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 1,541MT last week for the season 21,199MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT The A season harvest is set at 27,600MT leaving 6,401MT 77% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 427MT last week for the season 4,145MT from an allocation of 11,918MT leaving 7,773MT 36% 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. We had a harvest 1,137MT harvested last week with 520MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 42MT and CV sector 575MT A season stands at 28,642MT which leaves 2,705MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 90% of the A season 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 Dutch Harbor District season opened on 2-12-21 for the state water 60'< pot cod fishery which is going well, the harvest as of 4-12-21 27.2 million pounds harvested from 412 landings, leaving 293,000 pounds unharvested 99% of the allocation from the 27.5-million-pound has been harvested. The fishery is now closed. The Aleutian Islands state water fishery is at 14.7 million pounds harvested, leaving 222,837lbs unharvested 99% of the allocation has been harvested. The fishery is now closed.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on April 10, 2021 the total harvest stands 86,986MT (194.3 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 8,654 (19.3 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 45,431MT, Rock Sole,6,241MT Alaska Plaice, 8,498MT, Flathead Sole 2,312MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 276MT, Kamchatka Flounder 31MT other Flatfish 508MT other species harvested this season including Perch, 1,643MT Atka Mackerel 14,565MT Octopus,109MT Skate 7,302MT Greenland Turbot, 3MT and Sablefish Trawl 67MT

IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 4-12-21

Halibut: through April 19, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of the morning ,300 Halibut landing have been made for 1.59 million pounds. leaving 16.9 million pounds to harvest 9% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 206,000lbs. Ex-vessel prices have been in \$5.00-\$5.70

depending on size and port of landing. Juneau is the leading port of landing at 268,615lbs. followed by Seward at 230,916lbs.

Sablefish: through April 5, 2021 Sablefish allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation, it is speculated that a lot of that allocation will be small Sablefish at an exceptionally low value. As of this morning 198 landings have been made for 3,25million pounds leaving 40.1 million pounds to harvest 7% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 182,000lbs. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Sika at 1.2 million pounds followed by Seward at 442,524lbs. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$3.00 to \$4.00 range depending on size.

State Water Crab Fisheries 4-12-2021

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 99 landings made, for 1.44 million pounds leaving 898,509lbs. unharvested including CDQ, the harvest is 61% of the harvest is complete. ADFG reports fishing has been slow the whole season with a CPUE of 16 crab per pot. The Tanner Crab fishery closed on March 31,2021 by regulation.

Opilio Tanner Crab (Snow Crab), opens on Thursday October 15th for 45 million pounds, including the 10% for CDQ. Fishing continues to be slow for much of the fleet, there has been some good reports of decent fishing west of St Matthew. Ice on the grounds is no longer an issue. ADFG reports the crab fleet is down to 25 vessels fishing. It appears St Paul finally received a fuel barge that is good news for the community and Trident. There have been 415 landings so far for 38.5 million pounds 87% of the harvest is complete, leaving 6.4 million pounds to harvest including the CDQ portion. The breakdown by region North 14.6 million pounds 98% leaving 370,481lbs South 13.1 million pounds is 77% leaving 3.9 million pounds, additionally 4.1 million pounds. of CDQ has been harvested leaving 335,176lbs harvest 93% been taken. and 1.8 million pounds of undesignated Snow Crab still to harvest 79% of that allocation has been harvested. This fishery closes on May 31,2021.

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 55 landings from 2 vessels in the Eastern District; the catch poundage the harvest stands at 3.65 million pounds there were no landings made last week. Leaving -187 lbs. over the harvest amount 100% of the allocation has been taken and this district is closed. The Western District the catch information is as follows 39 landings from 3 vessels for 2.4 million pounds 88% of the Western allocation has been taken, leaving 427,000 pounds to harvest There were 3 landing made last week.

Regards

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Attachments

1. NOAA report Fact Check on Orca Bycatch Photos on Social Media