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

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 4-24-21, and State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 5-3-21.

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 24th was 35,296MT which was 3,000MT lower than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock and Pacific Cod fisheries winding down with most of the A season allocations harvested. The good news once again was the strong Pollock harvest by CV sector for the week ending on 4-24-2021 was 22,894MT that is 5 weeks in a row of harvests over 20,000MT. I believe that with 1 more good week the CV sector A season allocation harvest will be taken. The Pollock season harvest stands at 577,306MT of A season allocation to harvest 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested leaving 25,518MT. The current catch is 31,000MT behind last year's harvest during the same time. 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 91% of the A season allocation leaving 23,894MT (53 million pounds) still to harvest. If the CV sector will complete their A season harvest this week. The unharvested amount of Pollock will rollover to the Pollock B season.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 4-24-2021 was 35,296MT (78 million pounds) with most of the harvest 22,000MT was Pollock. The season totals are 770,974MT (1.72 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,217,063MMT (2.71 billion pounds) 39% 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 599,000MT (1.3 billion pounds) this 40% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT (3.07 billion 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 sectors for the week ending on 4-24-2021 is 22,894MT all from the CV sector. The season total

harvest stands at 577,306MT leaving 25,518MT of A season allocation to harvest 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The CV sector has 23,894MT of A season Pollock still to harvest. The current catch is 31,000MT behind last year's harvest during the same time, that is 1 week of harvest behind. The CV sector will wrap up it is A season harvest this week. It is amazing that they were able to get their allocation taken with such a terrible start to the season due to Covid impacts.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 22,894MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 594,000MT the A season harvest is at 246,241MT leaving 23,894MT A season harvest 91% of the A season has been taken. This sector should wrap up its A season allocation this week, some of the shore plants in Unalaska have already taken their A season allocation and have employees flying out.

At Sea Processors: harvested 0MT 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 91% of the A season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 0MT from their annual allocation is at 118,800MT the A season total is at 53,409MT leaving 618MT of A season allocation to harvest 99% 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 1,146MT for the season 21,856MT leaving 27,644MT to harvest 44% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 9,010 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 20% leaving 36,690fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, In the other salmon category Chum salmon 117fish this season.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on April 24, 2021 was 1,831MT (4.1 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 880MT. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 67,092MT from all harvesting sectors (149 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 43,169MT including CDQ (96 million pounds) 60% of the seasonal allocation has been taken. The breakdown by harvesting sectors is listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 11MT last week for the season 3,362MT -240MT over the Cod allocation of 3,122MT the 108% 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 880MT last week for the season 23,371MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT The A season harvest is set at 27,600MT leaving 4,229MT 85% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 205MT last week for the season 4,614MT from an allocation of 11,918MT leaving 7,304MT 38% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20,2021, with an A/B season allocation of 38,548MT the breakdown between sector is catcher vessels 18,281MT Amendment 80 11,234MT AFA At Sea fleet 1,928MT. We had a harvest 737MT harvested last week with 486MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 37MT and CV sector 214MT A season stands at 30,419MT which leaves 8,129MT of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 78% of the A/B 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 2-24-21 for the state water 60’< pot cod the harvest as of 4-26-21 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 in both districts is now closed.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on April 24, 2021 the total harvest stands 103,443MT (231.1 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 9,146 (20.4 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 50,351MT, Rock Sole,8,214MT Alaska Plaice, 9,335MT, Flathead Sole 3,304MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 425MT, Kamchatka Flounder 34MT other Flatfish 582MT other species harvested this season including Perch, 1,911MT Atka Mackerel 20,942MT Octopus,110MT Skate 8,151MT Greenland Turbot, 4MT and Sablefish Trawl 80MT

IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 5-3-21

Halibut: through May 3, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of the morning 484 Halibut landing have been made for 2.6 million pounds. leaving 15.9 million pounds to harvest 14% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 450,000lbs. Ex-vessel prices have been in \$5.00-\$5.70

depending on size and port of landing. Seward is the leading port of landing at 391,489lbs. followed by Juneau at 380,709lbs.

Sablefish: through May 3, 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 405 landings have been made for 7.0 million pounds leaving 36.4 million pounds to harvest 16% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 1.4 million pounds. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Sitka at 1.8 million pounds followed by Seward at 1.3 million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$3.00 to \$4.00 range depending on size.

State Water Crab Fisheries 5-3-2021

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 15 vessels fishing. There have been 461 landings so far for 42.2 million pounds 94% of the harvest is complete, leaving 2.7 million pounds to harvest, including the CDQ portion. The breakdown by region North 15.03 million pounds 100% leaving 1lbs to harvest. South 15.03 million pounds is 88% leaving 2.05 million pounds, additionally 4.36 million pounds. of CDQ has been harvested leaving 111,966lbs harvest 87% been taken additionally 544,131lbs of undesignated Snow Crab still to harvest 94% 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 40 landings from 3 vessels for 2.5 million pounds 91% of the Western allocation has been taken leaving 220,000 pounds unharvested the Western district closed on April 30th, 2021 there is one vessel that still needs to deliver a cleanup trip.

Regards

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Attachments

1. NOAA Fisheries releases new video looking at Environmental Conditions in the Gulf of Alaska
2. NOAA Report New Discoveries and Management Decisions in the Deep-Sea Coral Report to Congress