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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests, IFQ Sablefish, Halibut, and State Water Crab Harvest.

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 10-16-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 10-25-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 B season is getting close to wrapping up for the year. The B season harvest has been steadied all season long, and a significant improvement over the 2020 Pollock B season. About the only negative of this B season was the small size of Pollock that impacted fillet production. The other negative was the closing of directed fishing for Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea before many fixed gear sectors could catch their allocation, leaving the only choice to fish in the Aleutians with no processors available. Last week saw a 3,000MT decrease in Pollock catch. The CV catcher vessels sector lead the way with a Pollock harvest of 6,608MT (16 million pounds). The total B season harvest is at 738,478MT in pounds (1.64 billion pounds)

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on October 16, 2021, fishing continues to be slow last week, with fishing activity showed less vessels on the grounds in both the Bering Sea and in the Aleutian Islands. The focus in the Bering Sea has been on Yellowfin Sole and Atka Mackerel and Perch in the Aleutians. The total harvest stands 267,376MT (597 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 7,298MT (16.2 million pounds).

The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries both had a good week with harvests of 400,000lbs. on Halibut and 900,000 lbs. on Sablefish. Halibut landed statewide season total is at 15.6 million pounds leaving 2.9 million pounds to harvest, 84% of the allocation has been taken. The CDQ harvest In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) ninety-two landings for 678,452lbs leaving 350,948lbs to harvest 66% of the allocation has been harvested. Sablefish harvested 900,000lbs last week for the season 27.2 million pounds harvested, leaving 16.2 million pounds to harvest 63% of the allocation has been taken. Landings for Unalaska on Halibut and Sablefish species are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. There have been forty-four total landings. The Eastern District is at 38 landings for 2.86 million pounds

the Western District is at 7 landing estimated at 600,000lbs. The total landings are at 45 for 3.6 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 2.3 million pounds to harvest.

The industry continues to work hard to reduce trawl bycatch of Salmon, Herring, and Black Cod during this B season, we are already seeing sight increases on the Sablefish, in the trawl fishery is at 159% taken -856MT over their cap amount. Chinook salmon is at 29% 13,021 fish and Herring is already at 69% with a bycatch 1,696MT. on a cap of 2,400MT. Chum salmon bycatch no new bycatch information last week totals 3,000 fish the total 530,235 fish compared to 309,576 in 2020.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 10-16-2021 was 15,420MT (34 million pounds) with much of the harvest 6,608MT was Pollock. The season totals are 1,748,106MMT (3.92 billion pounds) harvested leaving 238,054MT (531million pounds) 88% of the overall annual harvest of 1.98MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: The Pollock B season continues with Trident still working A season rollover amount of 9,913MT (22 million pounds) left in their CV catcher vessel sector. All the other companies having completed their allocations. I expect Trident to fish for another two weeks. The Pollock harvest ending 10-16-21came in at 6,608MT (14 million pounds) that is 3,000MT decrease from the last few weeks harvest. The Pollock harvest through October 16, 2021, 738,478MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.64 billion pounds) leaving 9,913MT (22 million pounds) to harvest, 99% of the B season Pollock is complete. The annual Pollock harvest is at 1,339,640MMT (2.9 billion pounds) Of the 9,913MT to harvest is in the CV catcher vessel sector that delivers shoreside allocation is Trident Seafoods quota.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 6,608MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 590,387MTthe B season allocation 330,165MT the B season harvest is at 330,568MT leaving -403MT of B season harvest, 100% of the B season has been taken and 98% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 479,890MT the B season allocation is 330,165 the harvest stands at 264,658MT leaving -525MT of the B season allocation to harvest 100% of the B season allocation has been taken and 100% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal harvest is at 120,002MT the B season total is at 66,593MT leaving -560MT of B season allocation to harvest 101% of the B season allocation has been harvested and100% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 0 MT the seasonal harvest is 139,330MT. The B season allocation is 76,803MT with 76,732MT having been harvested, leaving 70MT of the B season to harvest 100% of the B season allocation has been taken and 100% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 499MT for the season 35,772MT leaving 13,278MT to harvest 72% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 13,021 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 29% leaving 32,679 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish. In 2020 23,770 fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon, the season total as of 10-16-21 is 530,235 fish this season in 2020 309,578 fish were taken.

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 10-16-21 was 512MT (1.1 million pounds) the decrease from the previous weeks is due to the reduced effort by directed fishing completed in the Bering Sea. The major activity was in the CDQ trawl sector which harvested 308MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly from the trawl and freezer longline vessels. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 114,963MT (256.8 million pounds) leaving 17,705MT to harvest 95% of the allocation has been harvested. The only area open to fishing for cod now is the Aleutian Islands.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,907MT leaving 37MT cod allocation to harvest, 99% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested

C/P Pot CPs harvested 13MT last week of B season Cod for the season 1,259MT. The B season remaining allocation is 410MT last week there was no harvest by this sector 76% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Pot 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 7,137MT leaving 2,197MT of A season allocation to harvest 71 % of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 312MT last week for the season 50,624MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 3,494MT to harvest 94% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested this sector is now only fishing in the Aleutian Islands most of this sector vessels have finished operations for the year.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 308MT last week for the season 9,160MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 5,061MT 63% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20, 2021, with the A/B season allocation of 38,548MT the seasonal harvest for three sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 20,004MT Amendment 80 8,366MT At Sea fleet 4,923MT. We had a harvest last week 199MT harvested last week with 177MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 3MT and CV sector 19MT A/B season harvest stands at 38,169MT which leaves 4,286MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 99% of the A/B/C 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.

Amendment 80 Fisheries: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on October 16, 2021, fishing continues to be slow last week, with fishing activity showed less vessels on the grounds in both the Bering Sea and in the Aleutian Islands. The focus in the Bering Sea has been on Yellowfin Sole and Atka Mackerel and Perch in the Aleutians. The total harvest stands 267,376MT (597 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 7,298MT (16.3 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 100,356MT, Rock Sole, 13,820MT Alaska Plaice, 15,425MT, Flathead Sole 9,539MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,811MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,512MT other Flatfish 2,452MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 36,626MT Atka Mackerel 53,049MT Octopus, 156MT Skate 17,089MT Greenland Turbot, 1,582MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,959MT

IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 10-25-21

Halibut: The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds. As of this morning 3,191 Halibut landings have been made for 15.65 million pounds. Leaving 2.9million pounds to harvest 84% of the allocation have been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 400,000 by the fleet statewide. Ex-vessel prices have been in \$5.00-\$5.70 depending on size and port of landing. Homer is the leading port of landing at 3.1 million pounds, followed by Seward at 1.89 million pounds. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska but are still confidential. In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) ninety-two landings for 679,452lbs leaving 350,948bs to harvest 66% of the allocation has been harvested. There were no landings made last week.

Sablefish: The allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation. As of this morning 1,761 landings have been made for 27.2million pounds leaving 16.1million pounds to harvest 63% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 900,000 lbs. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 5.2 million pounds followed by Sitka at 4.1 million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$2.00 to \$6.50 range depending on size. Landings of Sablefish in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

ADFG State Water Sablefish 10-25-21

The fishery is still ongoing, but fishing is terribly slow five vessels are registered to fish, the catch as of this morning is only 107,359lbs from thirty landing leaving 787,841lbs still to harvest 12% of the allocation has been taken. There were three landing made last week.

Unalaska Food and Bait Herring Fishery 10-25-21

The fishery is still open no one is currently fishing. The landings are confidential two seiners fished, only 40% 3,000ST allocation was taken.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 10-25-2021

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State Water Dungeness Crab Fishery 10-125-21

The Dungeness Crab fishery has seven vessels are registered to fish, with forty-seven landings for 1.147 million pounds. There is no poundage allocation on Dungeness Crab. ADFG has announced a closure for this fishery on October 18th, 2021, the above landings and poundage are the final numbers

Regards

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Attachments

1. Harvest Data