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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 10-30-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 11-9-21.**

**Fishing Seasons:** The 2021 B season is getting close to wrapping up for the year. The B season harvest has been steady 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. Another 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 floating or shorebased processors available. Last week saw a 150MT increase in Pollock catch. to 3,367MT the harvest was in CV catcher vessels sector (7.5 million pounds). The total B season harvest is at 746,256MT in pounds (1.66 billion pounds) 100% of the B season allocation.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on October 30, 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 277,595MT (620 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 4,756MT (10.6 million pounds).

The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries both had a good week with harvests of 200,000lbs. on Halibut and 400,000lbs of Sablefish. Halibut landed statewide season total is at 16.4 million pounds leaving 2.1 million pounds to harvest, 88% of the allocation has been taken. The CDQ harvest In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) ninety-three landings for 686,640lbs leaving 343,760lbs to harvest 67% of the allocation has been harvested. Sablefish harvested for season 29.5 million pounds harvested, leaving 14.2million pounds to harvest 67% of the allocation has been taken. Landings for Unalaska on Halibut are still confidential, but Sablefish landings have been released showing seventy-four landings for 1.25 million pounds.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. There have been forty-four total landings. The Eastern District is at 43 landings for 2.96 million pounds the Western District is at 8 landing estimated at 700,000lbs. The total landings are at 51 for 3.66 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 2.24 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 162% taken -897MT over their cap amount. Chinook salmon is at 30% 13,782fish and Herring is already at 69% with a bycatch 1,696MT. on a cap of 2,400MT. Chum salmon bycatch no new bycatch information the total 530,394 fish compared to 316,308 in 2020.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 10-30-2021 was 9,577MT (21 million pounds) with much of the harvest 3,367MT was Pollock. The season totals are 1,767,136MMT (3.94 billion pounds) harvested leaving 219,024MT (489million pounds) 89% 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 on A season rollover amount left of 3,315MT (7.4 million pounds) left in their CV catcher vessel sector most of that will be left since only 1 day in the Pollock B season still to fish. All the other companies having completed their allocations. The Pollock harvest ending 10-30-21 came in at 3,367MT (7.5 million pounds) that is 300MT increase from the last few weeks harvest. The Pollock harvest through October 30, 2021, 745,077MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.66 billion pounds) leaving 2,686MT (6.0 million pounds) to harvest, 99% of the B season Pollock is complete. The annual Pollock harvest is at 1,339,538MMT (2.99 billion pounds) Of the 3,315MT to harvest is in the CV catcher vessel sector that delivers shoreside allocation is Trident Seafoods quota.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 3,367MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 596,985MT the B season allocation 330,165MT the B season harvest is at 337,166MT leaving -7,001MT of B season harvest 102%., There is left 3,315MT of A season Pollock roll over allocation that is being fished and 99% 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 and 100% 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 370MT for the season 36,518MT leaving 12,982MT to harvest 74% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** there was 13,782 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 30% leaving 31,918 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish. In 2020 23,770fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon, the season total as of 10-30-21 is 530,394fish this season in 2020 316,308 fish were taken.

**Pacific Cod:** Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 10-30-21 was 821MT (1.8million pounds) there was a slight increase from the previous weeks is due to the increased effort by directed fishing completed in the Aleutian Islands. The major activity was in the Hook and Line CP sector which harvested 403MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly from the trawl vessels. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 116,443MT (260.21 million pounds) leaving 16,225MT to harvest 97% 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 0MT 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 403MT last week for the season 51,259MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 2,859MT to harvest 95% 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 246MT last week for the season 9,575MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 4,646MT 69% 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 164MT harvested last week with 148MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 0MT and CV sector 16MT A/B season harvest stands at 38,568MT which leaves

3,888MT 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 30, 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 277,595MT (620 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 4,756MT (10.6 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 102,661MT, Rock Sole, 13,862MT Alaska Plaice, 15,548MT, Flathead Sole 9,780MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 8,083MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,551MT other Flatfish 2,486MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 38,728MT Atka Mackerel 56,745MT Octopus, 159MT Skate 18,420MT Greenland Turbot, 1,585MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,987MT

#### **IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 11-9-21**

**Halibut:** The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds. As of this morning 3,347 Halibut landings have been made for 16.4 million pounds. Leaving 2.1 million pounds to harvest 88% of the allocation have been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 200,000 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 3.18 million pounds, followed by Seward at 1.93 million pounds. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska but are still confidential. In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) ninety-the landings for 686,640lbs leaving 343,760lbs to harvest 67% of the allocation has been harvested. There was one landing made last week. The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries close on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Sablefish:** The allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation. As of this morning 1,906 landings have been made for 29.2 million pounds leaving 14.2 million pounds to harvest 67% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 400,000lbs. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 5.5 million pounds followed by Sitka at 4.38 million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$2.00 to \$6.50 range depending on size. Landings of Sablefish for Unalaska have finally been released, they show seventy-four landings for 1.25 million pounds.

#### **ADFG State Water Sablefish 11-9-21**

The fishery is still ongoing, but fishing is terribly slow five vessels are registered to fish, the catch as of this morning is only 107,059lbs from 29 landing leaving 787,837lbs still to harvest 12% of the allocation has been taken. There were no landings made last week.

### **State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 11-9-2021**

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### **Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 11-9-21**

We had no landings last week from the Western District in the Pribilof Islands. There have two small landing which the poundage is still confidential. The allocation for this area is set at 990,000lbs. down from 2.3 million pounds in 2021.

Regards

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Attachments

1.Harvest Data