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To: Erin Reinders, Michelle Price, Mayor Tutikoff, JR Pearson, Ed Keough

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities for March 25, 2021 I have update on Pollock and Cod Fisheries and current fishery articles.

Pollock A Season

With Unalaska concern on the Pollock A season harvest especial on the catcher vessel that delivers there catch to shore based plant in Unalaska. I am pleased to report that we have had another good week in the Pollock fishery. The week ending on March 20th showed an overall harvest of 62,089MT (138 million pounds) the catcher vessel sector had its second big week in a row with a harvest of 24,468MT (54 million pounds) this puts their A season total harvest at 120,855MT from A season allocation of 267,443MT 47% of the A season harvest has been taken leaving 146,443MT to harvest. I would hope the catcher vessel fishery could average 20,000MT for another 3-4 weeks so the impact to the FY 21 2% raw fish tax impacts would be reduced. Please remember unharvested A season Pollock will rollover to the Pollock B season starting on June 10th, 2021. The other Pollock sectors it appears will have no problem harvesting their A season allocations as of March 20th, the At Sea Processors have harvested 76% of the A season allocation leaving 51,000MT to harvest, Mothership sector has harvested 71% of their allocation and have 15,460MT to harvest and the CDQ sector is basically done, having harvest 98% of there A season allocation leaving 1,190MT to harvest. The total A season harvest is at harvest is at 381,766MT (851million pounds) leaving 214,729MT (478 million pounds) 69% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod A Season

The State Water 58'< pot cod fishery closed on Thursday March 25th at noon the harvest total is not final vessels are still unloading their catch, as of this morning is at 24.8 million pounds harvested for 29 vessels leaving 2.4 million pounds 91% of the allocation has been taken from 27.2 million pounds. The Aleutian Island State Water fishery is ongoing the harvest is at 10.3 mullion pounds leaving 4.7 million to harvest 13 vessels are currently fishing 69% of the allocation has been harvested. The other fixed gear fisheries are closed except for the jig fishery. The trawl catcher vessels fishery for

A season is basically done the catcher vessels formed a voluntary cooperative and have harvested 16,070MT of and A season allocation of 18,281MT the remaining 2,200MT is used as bycatch in other fisheries. The only trawl sector still open is the Amendment 80 they harvested 4,100MT from and A season Allocation of 11,234MT leaving 7,100MT to harvest. The Freezer longline catcher processors are doing well they have harvested 16,200MT from their A season allocation of 27,600MT they have 11,302MT still to harvest 59% of their A season is complete.

Bering Sea Snow Crab, and Tanner Fisheries

The Snow Crab fishery is still moving at a slow harvest rate as of this morning the harvest total is 27.8 million pounds leaving 17.2 million pounds to harvest from the 45-million-pound allocation 61% of the fishery is complete. The catch by region the North still has 2.9 million to harvest the South 8.1 and undesignated and CDQ 6.2 million pound to harvest.

Birardi Tanner fishery in the Western District had been extremely poor with a harvest of 1.0 million pounds leaving 1.3 million unharvested the fishery is open on October 15th and just has not performed at all. Closes by regulation on March 31st with a good amount of Tanner crab left unharvested.

Golden King Crab in the Western District has harvested 2.3 million pounds from 2.9-million-pound allocation leaving 640,000lbs. to harvest 76% of the allocation have been harvested. The Eastern District harvest is complete with 100% of 3.6-million-pound allocation harvested.

Regards

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Attachments

1. Fishery Articles