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**To:** Erin Reinders, City Manager, JR Pierson, Asst. Manager, Mayor  
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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 6-12-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and  
BSAI Crab, 6-21-21.**

**Fishing Seasons:** The 2021 B season is now open the first three day of the fishery  
went well with 14,431MT Pollock landed the CV trawl sector that delivers shoreside did  
well 13,603MT (32 million pounds) the offshore sector harvesters on Pollock are still  
arriving and getting ready to fish,

Last week Groundfish harvest ending on June 12, 2021, was 21,529MT which was  
13,000MT higher than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock coming online.  
The Pollock A season harvest stands at 588,701MT of A season allocation, 98% of the  
A season allocation has been harvested leaving 14,299MT unharvested which will  
rollover to the B season allocation.

The Pollock B season opens on June 10<sup>th</sup> with an allocation of 737,000MT =1.6 billion  
pounds. The B season breakdown by sector is as follows CV 330,000MT (737million  
pounds) At Sea 265,009MT (592 million pound) Mothership 66,651MT (148million  
pounds) CDQ 76,503MT (164 million pounds) I believe the season will get off to a slow  
start with some of the At Sea and Mothership vessels working the Hake fishery off the  
Washington and Oregon coasts. The industry will also be working hard to reduce  
bycatch of salmon, Herring and Black Cod.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 6-12-2021 was 21,529MT (48  
million pounds) with most of the harvest 14,431MT was Pollock. The season totals are  
854,241MT (1.9 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,137,070MMT (2.54 billion pounds)  
43% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT (4.4 billion pounds).

**Pollock:** the Pollock B season opens on June10th with an allocation of 737,000MT  
(1.6billion pounds) this is 60% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT  
(3.07Billion pounds). The B season breakdown by sector is as follows CV shoreside  
330,165MT At Sea CPs 264,132MT Mothership 66,033MT, CDQ 76,670MT. The

harvest by sectors for the week ending on 6-12-2021 is 14,431MT for all harvesting sectors. The B season total harvest stands at 14,431MT leaving 737,120MT (in pounds 1.6 billion) of B season allocation to harvest 0.019% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 13,603MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 600,300MT the B season harvest is at 13,603MT leaving 329,123MT of B season harvest, 3% of the B season has been taken.

**At Sea Processors:** harvested 217MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 480,240MT the B season harvest is 217MT. leaving 264,791MT of the A season allocation to harvest 100% of the b season allocation has been taken.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 248MT from their annual allocation is at 120,060MT the B season total is at 249MT leaving 66,403MT of B season allocation to harvest 0% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal allocation is 139,400MT. The b season allocation is 76,803MT with 0MT having been harvested, leaving 76,803MT of the B season to harvest 0% of the B season allocation has been taken.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** last week harvest was 289MT for the season 23,214MT leaving 26,286MT to harvest 47% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** there was 9,671 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 21% leaving 36,029fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, in 2020 18,475 fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon 425 fish this season in 2020 536 fish were taken.

**Pacific Cod:** federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on June 12, 2021, was 1,004MT (2.2 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 817MT. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 72,387MT from all harvesting sectors (161.7 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 38,613MT including CDQ (86.2million pounds) 65.0% of the seasonal allocation has been taken. The breakdown by harvesting sectors is listed below.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,285MT -163MT over the Cod allocation of 3,122MT the 105% 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 817MT last week for the season 27,156MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT the A/B season harvest is set at 54,118MT leaving 26,962MT 50% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest of 140MT last week for the season 5,146MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 8,236MT 41% 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 sectors is catcher vessels 24,704MT Amendment 80 14,979MT AFA at Sea fleet 2,571MT. We had a harvest 146MT harvested last week with 111MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 0MT and CV sector 35MT A season stands at 31,549MT which leaves 6,999MT of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 82% 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.

**Amendment 80 Fisheries:** opened on January 20<sup>th</sup>. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on June 12, 2021, the total harvest stands 153,587MT (343 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 2,776MT (6.2 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 74,429MT, Rock Sole, 11,792MT Alaska Plaice, 13,237MT, Flathead Sole 4,227MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2,672MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,216MT other Flatfish 1,847MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 5,601MT Atka Mackerel 26,542MT Octopus, 117MT Skate 9,789MT Greenland Turbot, 387MT and Sablefish Trawl 731MT

### **IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 6-14-21**

**Halibut:** through June 21, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of this morning 1,223 Halibut landings have been made for 6.81 million pounds. leaving 12.8 million pounds to harvest 37% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 486,654lbs. 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 1.1million pounds. followed by Seward at 990,256lbs. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

**Sablefish:** through June 21, 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 919 landings have been made for 15.6million pounds leaving 27.8 million pounds to harvest 36% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 645,951lbs

Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 2.75million pounds followed by Sitka at 2.72 million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$3.00 to \$4.00 range depending on size. Landings of Sablefish in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

### **State Water Crab Fisheries 6-21-2021**

All major Crab Fisheries are closed until August 1, 2021.

Regards

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Attachments

1. NOAA Report Reminds Vessel Owners, Operator, and Managers of the 2021 BSAI Rockfish Maximum Subarea Species Catch Amounts.