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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 6-19-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 6-29-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 B season has now been open for ten days fishing has been okay, with 36,622MT Pollock landed for the first full week. CV trawl sector that delivers shoreside did well 18,427MT (41 million pounds) the offshore sector harvesters on Pollock are still arriving getting setup to fish the harvest numbers will steady increase during the next few weeks.

Last week Groundfish harvest ending on June 19, 2021, was 45,673MT which was 22,000MT higher than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock harvest increasing and the Amendment 80 increased effort in the Aleutian Islands on Perch and Atka Mackerel. The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries had a slow week with 270,000lbs of Halibut landed statewide and sablefish at 258,000. Landing for Unalaska on these two species are still confidential until more buyers come online. The Major Bering Sea Aleutian Island crab fisheries are closed until early August. The industry will be working hard to reduce trawl bycatch of Salmon, Herring, and Black Cod during this B season, we are already seeing sight increases on the Sablefish, Chinook salmon, and Herring is already at 30% of the bycatch allocation.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 6-19-2021 was 45,673MT (102 million pounds) with most of the harvest 36,622MT was Pollock. The season totals are 899,897MT (2.0 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,1091,414MMT (2.43 billion pounds) 45% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has occurred.

Pollock: the Pollock B season opens on June 10th with an allocation of 737,000MT (1.6 billion pounds) this is 60% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT (3.07 billion 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 6-19-2021 is 36,622MT for all harvesting sectors. The B season total harvest stands at 51,029MT leaving 700,498MT (in pounds)

1.56 billion) of B season allocation to harvest 7% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 18,426MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 600,300MT the B season allocation 330,165MT the harvest is at 29,781MT leaving 301,701MT of B season harvest, 9% of the B season has been taken.

At Sea Processors: harvested 13,128MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 480,240MT the B season Allocation is 264,132 the harvest stands at 13,346MT leaving 251,663MT of the B season allocation to harvest 5% of the B season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 2,902MT from their annual allocation is at 120,060MT the B season total is at 3,150MT leaving 63,500MT of B season allocation to harvest 5% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 1,851MT the seasonal allocation is 139,400MT. The B season allocation is 76,803MT with 1,851MT having been harvested, leaving 74,951MT of the B season to harvest 2% of the B season allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 244MT for the season 23,458MT leaving 26,042MT to harvest 47% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 9,947 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 22% leaving 35,753fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, in 2020 18,591fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon 1,389 fish this season in 2020 1,420 fish were taken.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on June 19, 2021, was 1,913MT (4.2 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 1,557MT. The seasonal harvest totals for BSAI the A/B season are 74,366MT from all harvesting sectors (166.1 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 36,700MT including CDQ (81.9million pounds) 66.0% 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 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 1,557MT last week for the season 28,727MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT the A/B season harvest is set at 54,118MT leaving 25,391MT 53% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 115MT last week for the season 5,261MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 8,121MT 40% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20,2021, with and A/B season allocation of 38,548MT the breakdown between sectors is catcher vessels 24,704MT Amendment 80 14,979MT At Sea fleet 2,571MT. We had a harvest 241MT harvested last week with 176MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 019MT and CV sector 346MT A season stands at 31,780MT which leaves 10,474MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 82.5% 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: opened on January 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on June 19, 2021, fishing picked up last week with more fishing activity in the Aleutian Islands on Perch and Atka Mackerel and less activity in the Bering Sea of flatfish species. The total harvest stands 160,388MT (358 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 6,801MT (15.1 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 74,440MT, Rock Sole,12,188MT Alaska Plaice, 13,282MT, Flathead Sole 4,400MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2,978MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,645MT other Flatfish 1,924MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 7,962MT Atka Mackerel 28,903MT Octopus,117MT Skate 10,092MT Greenland Turbot, 476MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,021MT

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Halibut: through June 29, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of this morning 1,279 Halibut landings have been made for 7.08 million pounds. leaving 11.8 million pounds to harvest 38% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 270,824lbs. 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 1.3million pounds. followed by Seward at 929,281lbs. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

Sablefish: through June 29, 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 957 landings have been made for 15.9 million pounds leaving 27.45 million pounds to harvest 37% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of

258,433lbs Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 2.81million pounds followed by Sitka at 2.79 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 Mammal Stranding Partners Necropsy Minke Whale near Gustavus, AK.
2. NOAA Sea Lion Science Takes to the Skies Part1
3. NOAA Sea Lion Science Takes to the Skies Part2
4. NMFS Harvest Data