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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 5-29-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 6-8-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 A season is now completed; fishing and processing will remain slow until the June 10th start of the Pollock B season harvesters and processors are already flying into town. The 2021 Groundfish A season opened on January 1st with the fixed gear sector fishing Pacific Cod. The trawl Groundfish fishery open on January 20, 2021. Last week Groundfish harvest ending on May 29, 2021 was 8,372MT which was 500MT lower than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock and Pacific Cod fisheries with most of their A season allocations have been mostly completed. The A Season Pollock harvest is complete CV sector for the week ending on 5-29-2021 was 0MT that leaves CV sector with 12,674MT unharvested. 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. The At Sea, CV, Mothership, and CDQ sectors have completed their A season harvest. The CV sector which has the largest allocation 270,000MT has harvested 95% of the A season allocation leaving 12,674MT (28 million pounds) still to harvest I believe most of that fish is from the Trident Seafood allocation they have the largest part of the CV allocation 33% which is 89,000MT of the 270,000MT A season allocation. The unharvested amount of A season Pollock 14,299MT will rollover to the Pollock B season.

The Pollock B season opens on June 10th with an allocation of 737,000MT = 1.6 billion pounds. The B season breakdown by sector is as follows CV 330,000MT (737 million pounds) At Sea 265,009MT (592 million pounds) Mothership 66,651MT (148 million 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, also bycatch of salmon, Herring and Black Cod is always trying to be avoided by the CV fleet. On Pacific Cod on June 10th B/C season there is 34,099MT of Pacific Cod available to harvest with the majority in the H/L CP fleet of 26,518MT.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 5-29-2021 was 8,372MT (18.7 million pounds) with most of the harvest 4,600MT was Yellowfin Sole. The season totals are 826,305MT (1.84 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,165,006MMT (2.60 billion pounds) 41% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT (4.4 billion pounds).

Pollock: the Pollock A season opens on January 20th with an allocation of 603,000MT (1.3billion pounds) this 40% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT (3.07Billion pounds). The A season breakdown by sector is as follows CV shoreside 270,135MT At Sea CPs 216,108MT Mothership 54,207MT, CDQ 62,730MT. The harvest by sectors for the week ending on 5-29-2021 is 0MT for all harvesting sectors. The season total harvest stands at 588,701MT leaving 14,299MT of A season allocation to harvest 98% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The CV sector has 12,137MT of A season Pollock still to harvest.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 600,300MT the A season harvest is at 257,461MT leaving 12,674MT A season harvest 95% of the A season has been taken. This sector should wrap up its A season allocation soon, some of the shoreplants in Unalaska have already taken their A season allocation and have employees and harvesters flying out. I would think that Trident has the majority of the 12,538MT left to harvest since they have the largest share of the Pollock allocation, and they were extremely late starting this A season with the Covid-19 shutdown that cost them a month of processing. The Unalaska Pollock operations harvested all their A season allocations. There is the possibility that some CV vessels will work on the 12,538 MT before the June 10th start of the B season, we have not seen that accrue yet.

At Sea Processors: harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 475,200MT the A season harvest is 257,461MT. leaving 872MT of the A season allocation to harvest 100% of the A season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 0MT from their annual allocation is at 118,800MT the A season total is at 53,409MT leaving 618MT of A season allocation to harvest 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal allocation is 137,500MT. The A season allocation is 61,875MT with 62,596MT having been harvested, leaving - 721MT of the A season to harvest 101% of the allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 128MT for the season 22,826MT leaving 26,674MT to harvest 46% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 9,473 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 21% leaving 36,227fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, In the other salmon category Chum salmon 142 fish this season no new data.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on May 29, 2021, was 675MT (1.5million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 527MT. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 70,852MT from all harvesting sectors (158.2 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 39,290MT including CDQ (87.7million pounds) 64.5% 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 531MT last week for the season 25,941MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT The A season harvest is set at 27,600MT leaving 1,659MT 94% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 11MT last week for the season 4,999MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 8,401MT 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 AFA at Sea fleet 2,571MT. We had a harvest 139MT harvested last week with 128MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 11MT and CV sector 0MT A season stands at 31,158MT which leaves 7,137MT of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 81% 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 20th. the Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on May 29, 2021, the total harvest stands 145,172MT (324 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 7,500MT (16.75 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 68,405MT, Rock Sole, 11,448MT Alaska Plaice, 13,174MT, Flathead Sole 3,944MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2,090MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1,097MT other Flatfish 1,693MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 4,327MT Atka Mackerel 26,114MT Octopus, 114MT Skate 9,427MT Greenland Turbot, 225MT and Sablefish Trawl 601MT

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Halibut: through June 8, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of this morning 1,039 Halibut landings have been made for 5.74 million pounds. leaving 12.8 million pounds to harvest 30% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 600,957lbs. 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 892,061lbs. followed by Seward at 809,699lbs. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

Sablefish: through June 8, 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 812 landings have been made for 14.0million pounds leaving 29.4 million pounds to harvest 32% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 1.4 million pounds. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Sitka at 2.6 million pounds followed by Seward at 2.4 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.

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Opilio Tanner Crab (Snow Crab), opens on Thursday October 15th for 45 million pounds, including the 10% for CDQ. Fishing continues for a small portion of the fleet much of the fleet has harvested their allocations. There have been 500 landings so far for 45.01 million pounds 100% of the harvest is complete, leaving -1,600lbs. over the total harvest allocation. to harvest. The breakdown by region North 15.03 million pounds 100% leaving 1lbs to harvest. South 17.088 million pounds is 100% leaving -1,600lbs over the allocation additionally 4.49 million pounds of CDQ have been harvested leaving 914lbs unharvested 100% of the allocation have been harvested. The undesignated Snow Crab allocation 100% of that allocation has been harvested, leaving 25lbs unharvested. This fishery closed on May 31,2021.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery: this fishery opened on Saturday August 1st the allocation is set at 6.6 million pounds. the allocation by district is as follows the Eastern district was 3.65 million pounds and Western district at 2.96 million pounds. There have been 55 landings from 2 vessels in the Eastern District; the catch poundage the harvest stands at 3.65 million pounds there were no landings made last week. The Eastern District allocation was exceeded by -187 lbs. over the harvest amount 100% of the allocation has been taken and this district is closed. The Western District saw two landings last week, the catch information is as follows 42 landings from 3 vessels for 2.86 million pounds 94% of the Western allocation has been taken leaving 164,000 pounds unharvested the Western district was extended by a ADFG emergency order four 2 weeks to May 15, 2021, the season is now closed.

Regards

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Attachment

1. NOAA Fisheries Seeks Public Input on Proposals to Close Commercial Salmon Fisheries in the Cook Inlet EEZ