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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 7-3-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 7-12-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 B season has now been open for 3.5 weeks fishing has decreased a bit last week slowly with a 3,500MT decrease in Pollock harvest last week. The harvest last was 49,252MT of Pollock landed. The At Sea CPs lead the way with 20,477MT (45 million pounds) the offshore sector harvesters on Pollock are still not at 100% online as of last week.

Last week Groundfish harvest ending on July 3, 2021, was 57,345MT which was 4,000MT lower than the previous weeks catch due to a slight decrease in the Pollock harvest. The harvest by the Amendment 80 sector harvester was also off by 3,000MT due to decline in the harvest of Atka mackerel. The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries had a good week with 227,000lbs of Halibut landed statewide and Sablefish at 290,373lbs. Landings for Unalaska on these two species are still confidential until more buyers come online to purchase fish. The Major Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) crab fisheries are closed until early August when the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery come online, 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 70% taken, Chinook salmon, is at 22% and Herring is already at 34%. Last week we saw had a big increase in Chum salmon bycatch with 20,000 fish taken last week.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 7-3-2021 was 57,345MT (128 million pounds) with most of the harvest 49,252MT was Pollock. The season totals are 1,019,564MMT (2.2 billion pounds) harvested leaving 971,747MT (2.17 billion pounds) 51% of the overall annual harvest of 1.99MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: the Pollock B season opened 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 7-3-2021 is 49,252MT for all harvesting sectors. The B season total harvest stands at 153,769MT leaving 600,075MT (in pounds 1.34 billion) of B season allocation to harvest 20% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 18,732MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 600,300MT the B season allocation 330,165MT the harvest is at 69,492MT leaving 270,989MT of B season harvest, 21% of the B season has been taken.

At Sea Processors: harvested 20,477MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 480,240MT the B season Allocation is 264,132 the harvest stands at 58,190MT leaving 205,942MT of the B season allocation to harvest 22% of the B season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 4,683MT from their annual allocation is at 120,060MT the B season total is at 13,083MT leaving 53,567MT of B season allocation to harvest 20% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 5,360MT the seasonal allocation is 139,400MT. The B season allocation is 76,803MT with 10,103MT having been harvested, leaving 66,700MT of the B season to harvest 13% of the B season allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 320MT for the season 24,165MT leaving 25,335MT to harvest 49% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 10,272 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 23% leaving 35,428 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, in 2020 18,717 fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon, we saw a big spike last week of 20,000 fish taken. The season total is 30,428 fish this season in 2020 2,080 fish were taken.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on July 3, 2021, was 1,974MT (4.4 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 1,706MT. The seasonal harvest totals for BSAI the A/B season are 78,150MT from all harvesting sectors (174.5 million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 35,286MT including CDQ (78.8million pounds) 71% 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 1,706MT last week for the season 31,838MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT the A/B leaving 22,280MT to harvest 59% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 380MT last week for the season 5,372MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 8,010MT 44% 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 seasonal harvest for 3 sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 19,688MT Amendment 80 7,832MT At Sea fleet 4,864MT. We had a harvest 268MT harvested last week with 119MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 18MT and CV sector 131MT A/B season stands at 32,364MT which leaves 9,890MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 84.7% 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 July 3, 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 171,297MT (382 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 4,321MT (9.6 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 74,579MT, Rock Sole,12,760MT Alaska Plaice, 13,359MT, Flathead Sole 4,832MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,954MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,266MT other Flatfish 2,003MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 12,594MT Atka Mackerel 29,846MT Octopus,133MT Skate 10,899MT Greenland Turbot, 711MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,361MT

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Halibut: through July 12, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of this morning 1,328 Halibut landings have been made for 7.9 million pounds. leaving 10.6 million pounds to harvest 42% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 176,662lbs. 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 1.5 million pounds. followed by Seward at 1.01million pounds. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska but are still confidential by NOAA until more buyers purchase fish.

Sablefish: through July 12, 2021, Sablefish allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation. As of this morning 974 landings have been made for 16.8 million pounds leaving 26.6 million pounds to harvest 39% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 71,856lbs Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 3.1 million pounds followed by Sitka at 2.85 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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All major Crab Fisheries are closed until August 1, 2021.

Regards

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