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To: Erin Reinders, JR Pearson, Mayor Tutikoff and City Council

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities for August 13, 2021, and Fishery Articles

The Pollock B season is progress well, the only real negative is the size of the Pollock many small fish which is greatly impacting fillet production. Last week Pollock harvest came in over 50,000MT once again, at 56,462MT (126 million pounds). As of August 7th 58%, of the B season Pollock is complete. The 2021 season remains 100,000MT a full two weeks ahead of 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period. The Pollock harvest through August 7th is at 426,215MT (952 million pounds) leaving 311,538MT to harvest (695 million pounds). At the current rate of 50,000MT plus a week the fishery could be over in 6 weeks near the end of September if harvest levels remain the same.

The overall Groundfish harvest totals through 8-7-21 stand at 1.33MMT harvested (2.9 billion pounds) leaving 615,814MT (1.3 billion pounds) 67% of the annual catch has been harvest, last week harvest was 64,591MT (144million pounds).

Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 8-7-21 was 1,855MT (4.1million pounds) which has been the average the past few weeks, the major activity is in the freezer longline catcher processors sector which harvested 1,445MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly bycatch in other fisheries.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 8-13-21 the fishery with an allocation of 5.8 million pounds, 5 vessels are registered to participate in the fishery. We had 3 small deliveries last week of cost recovery survey Golden King Crab for 145,000lbs leaving 5.65 million pounds still to harvest.

The Bottom Trawl fisheries are moving along a good pace during the summer most of the activity is in the Aleutians on Atka Mackerel and Perch and Rockfish as of 8-7-21 Mackerel is at 40,000MT and Perch and Rockfish at 22,000MT a flatfish various Sole species totals for the BSAI 123,863MT down about 27,000MT from last year during the same time frame.

IFQ Fisheries, through 8-13-21, Halibut is at 10.2 million pounds 55% of the allocation has been harvested leaving 8.2 million pounds to harvest. Halibut landing for CDQ and for landings in Unalaska are still held confidential until 3 buyers purchase fish.

Sablefish has seen a harvest of 19.5 million pounds leaving 8.2 million to harvest 45% of the fishery is complete. Sablefish landings for Unalaska are still confidential until 3 buyers purchase fish

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Outlook 8-12-21
2. Fishery Articles for the week.