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

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities for August 20, 2021, and Fishery Articles

The Pollock B season continues progressing well, the only real negative is the size of the Pollock many small fish which is greatly impacting fillet production. Last week Pollock harvest ending 8-14-21 came in over 50,000MT once again, at 54,995MT (122 million pounds). As of August 14<sup>th</sup> 481,609MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.07 billion pounds) leaving 256,000MT (571 million pounds) to harvest, 65% of the B season Pollock is complete. The season may be done the last week of September about 5 weeks. The 2021 season remains 120,000MT a full two weeks ahead of 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period.

The overall Groundfish harvest totals through 8-14-21 stand at 1.4MMT harvested (3.1 billion pounds) leaving 586,901MT (1.31 billion pounds) 70% of the annual catch has been harvest, last week harvest was 64,846MT (144million pounds).

Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 8-14-21 was 2,197MT (4.9million pounds) which has been the average the past few weeks, the major activity is in the freezer longline catcher processors sector which harvested 1,700MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly bycatch in other fisheries. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 92,232MT (206 million pounds) leaving 20,000MT to harvest (44million pounds).

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 8-20-21 the fishery with an allocation of 5.8 million pounds, 5 vessels are registered to participate in the fishery. We had 5 small deliveries last week of cost recovery survey Golden King Crab for 250,000lbs leaving 5.55 million pounds still to harvest. There has also been 1 IFQ delivery which the landing amount is still confidential.

The Bottom Trawl Amendment 80 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 8-14-21 Mackerel is at 43,287MT and Perch and Rockfish at 22,576MT and flatfish various Sole species totals for the BSAI 124,781MT down about 28,000MT from last year during the same time frame.

IFQ Fisheries, through 8-20-21, Halibut is at 10.7 million pounds 58% of the allocation has been harvested leaving 7.8 million pounds to harvest. Halibut landings for Unalaska

are still held confidential until 3 buyers purchase fish. The CDQ Halibut landings have been posted for Areas-4 CDE 207,000lbs landed leaving 822,000lbs to harvest 22% of the allocation has been harvested.

Sablefish has seen a harvest of 19.9 million pounds leaving 23.4 million to harvest 46% 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.