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

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Re: Fishery Activities for August 6, 2021, and Fishery Articles

The Pollock B season is progress well and just about as a normal B season. Last week Pollock harvest came in over 50,000MT once again, at 52,815MT (117 million pounds). As of July 31st 50%, of the B season Pollock is complete and the 2021 B season is 100,000MT (223 million pounds) ahead of the 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period. The Pollock harvest through July 31st is at 369,389MT (824 million pounds) leaving 368,000MT to harvest (822 million pounds). At the current rate of 50,000MT a week the fishery could be over in 7.5 weeks near the end of September

The overall Groundfish harvest totals through 8-5-21 stand at 1.2MMT harvested (2.6 billion pounds) leaving 716,847MT (1.6 billion pounds) 64% of the annual catch has been harvest, last week harvest was 60,452MT (134million pounds).

Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest was 1,611MT (3.5million pounds) which has been the average the past few weeks, the major activity is in the freezer longline catcher processors sector which harvested 1,312MT the rest of cod is mostly bycatch in other fisheries.

The Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery opens at noon on Sunday with and allocation of 5.8 million pounds, 5 vessels are registered to participate in the fishery we should have the first landings next week.

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 July 24th Mackerel is at 37,000MT and Perch and Rockfish at 19,000MT a flatfish Sole species totals for the BSAI 122,612MT down about 25,000MT from last year during the same time frame.

On Monday I will have the current catch on the IFQ Halibut, Sablefish harvests and Crab totals.

Regards

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