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

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities and Fishery Articles for the week ending 9-10-21

The Snow Crab fishery (Opilio Tanner) we expect more information on the large decline in mature males and females soon. It will be 2 weeks before we have solid information on what the fishery managers will be recommending on Snow Crab. Next week the NPFMC Crab Plan team will be meeting for a week, so we should get additional information on the size and scope of the Snow Crab decline and the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery as well. If the Western District of the Bairdi Tanner Crab fishery opens on October 15th for hopefully for at least 2.0 million pounds, I would expect some crab vessels to fish that and on September 1st the Pot Cod fishery's reopened for the 60' over vessels for 4,000MT allocation, a few crabbers are fishing now, the 60'under pot boats are fishing as well with allocation of 700MT to harvest.

Groundfish Update 9-4-21

The Pollock B season continues progressing well with some companies having completed their allocations, Alyeska Seafoods in Unalaska has finished, and is sending out people I expect Northern Victor and Westward to follow soon. Unisea has the largest allocation will probably be last. The Pollock harvest ending 9-4-21 came in at 43,329MT (96 million pounds) that is 10,000MT drop from the last few weeks harvests, that is due to harvesters finishing their allocations and dropping out of the fishery. The Pollock harvest through September 4th 639,206MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.42 billion pounds) leaving 98,000MT (220 million pounds) to harvest, 87% of the B season Pollock is complete. The season may be done the last week of September about 2 weeks. The 2021 season is 160,000MT a full 3 weeks ahead of 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period.

Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 9-4-21 was 3,367MT (7.5million pounds) the increase from the previous weeks is due to the increased effort by the over 60' ft and under 60' pot boats fishing again. The major activity was in the freezer longline catcher processors sector which harvested 1,711MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly from the pot boats 1,000MT and bycatch in other trawl fisheries. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 103,511MT (231 million pounds) leaving 11,563MT to harvest (25 million pounds) 92.7% of the allocation has been harvested.

The Bottom Trawl Amendment 80 fisheries are moving along a good pace, during the summer most of the activity has been Aleutians on Atka Mackerel and Perch and Rockfish but the Amendment 80 vessels are moving back to the Bering Sea fishing flatfish species. As of 9-4-21 Mackerel is at 48,148MT and Perch and Rockfish at 29,463MT and various Sole species totals for the BSAI 132,647MT down about 30,000MT from last year during the same time frame

The overall Groundfish harvest totals through 9-4-21 stand at 1.58MMT harvested (3.5 billion pounds) leaving 398,342MT (889 million pounds) 80% of the annual catch has been harvest, last week harvest was 53,245MT (118 million pounds)

IFQ and Crab Update 9-10-21

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 9-10-21 the fishery with an allocation of 5.9 million pounds, 5 vessels are registered to participate in the fishery. We had 21 deliveries of Golden King Crab from the Eastern District for 1.2 million pounds harvested leaving 2.4 million pounds to harvest. The Western District has 4 landing for 300,000lbs. leaving 1.7 million pounds still to harvest. The total landing 25 landings for 1.5 million pounds leaving 4.4 million pounds to harvest.

IFQ Fisheries, through 9-10-21, Halibut is at 12.6 million pounds 68% of the allocation has been harvested leaving 5.9 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 283,000lbs landed leaving 746,000lbs to harvest 28% of the allocation has been harvested.

Sablefish has seen a harvest of 22.2 million pounds leaving 21.2 million pounds to harvest 51% of the fishery is complete. Sablefish landings for Unalaska are still confidential until 3 buyers purchase fish. The State water Sablefish harvest is at 46,000lbs leaving 847,000lbs to harvest.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Outlook 9-10—21
2. Fishery Articles