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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 9-11-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 9-20-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 B season has now been open for 12 weeks of fishing. The harvest has been steadied all season long and a big improvement over the 2020 Pollock B season. The 2021 season is 150,000MT ahead of last year's Pollock B harvest which is a full three weeks. About the only negative of this B season was the small size of Pollock that impacted fillet production. Last week saw a 6,000MT decrease in Pollock harvest to 37,082MT due to vessels finishing their Pollock allocations. The At Sea CPs sector leads the way with a harvest of 16,411MT (36 million pounds). The total B season harvest is at 676,565MT in pounds (1.5 billion pounds)

The harvest by the Amendment 80 sector harvester last week increased by 2,000MT 6,459MT for the week the seasonal harvest to 234,000MT (522 million pounds). The IFQ Halibut and Sablefish fisheries both had a good week with harvests of 500,000lbs. Halibut landed statewide season total is at 13.2 million pounds leaving 5.8 million pounds to harvest, 71% of the allocation has been taken. The CDQ harvest In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) 76 landings for 476,544lbs leaving 553,856lbs to harvest 46% of the allocation has been harvested. Sablefish harvested 400,000lbs. Last week for the season 22.8 million pounds harvested, leaving 20.5 million pounds to harvest 53% of the allocation has been taken. Landings for Unalaska on Halibut and Sablefish species are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. There have been 20 total landings. The Eastern District is at 31 landings for 1.46 million pounds the Western District is at 5 landings estimated at 400,000lbs. The total landing is at 1.86 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation 5.9 million pounds leaving 4.04 million pounds to harvest 30.5% of the allocation has been harvested. 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 153% taken almost -764MT over their cap amount. Chinook salmon is at 26% 11,756

fish and Herring is already at 68% with a bycatch 1,690MT. on a cap of 2,400MT. Last week we saw a decrease in Chum salmon bycatch with only 6,000 fish taken last week, for a season total of 524,000 fish, compared to 207,000 fish in 2020 as a reminder there is no cap amount on Chum salmon due to so much Asian and Russian hatchery fish mixed in with Alaska Chum.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 9-11-2021 was 49,137MT (109 million pounds) with most of the harvest 37,082MT was Pollock. The season totals are 1,637,689MMT (3.7 billion pounds) harvested leaving 348,471MT (778million pounds) 88% of the overall annual harvest of 1.98MMT (4.4 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: The Pollock B season continues progressing well with some companies having completed their allocations, Alyeska Seafood's Westward and Unisea in Unalaska has finished, and is sending out people. I expect Northern Victor, Trident and Peter Pan to follow soon. The Pollock harvest ending 9-11-21 came in at 37,082MT (82 million pounds) that is 6,000MT decrease from the last few weeks harvest. Which is due to harvesters having finished their Pollock allocations and dropping out of the fishery. The Pollock harvest through September 11th 676,565MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.51 billion pounds) leaving 74,638MT (166 million pounds) to harvest, 92% of the B season Pollock is complete. The season may be done the last week of September in about 2 weeks. The 2021 season is 156,000MT a full 3 weeks ahead of 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 13,686MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 550,028MT the B season allocation 330,165MT the B season harvest is at 290,210MT leaving 50,272MT of B season harvest, 88% of the B season has been taken and 92% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 16,411MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 463,273MT the B season allocation is 264,132 the harvest stands at 248,041MT leaving 16,967MT of the B season allocation to harvest 94% of the B season allocation has been taken and 96% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 2,464MT the seasonal harvest is at 115,011MT the B season total is at 59,138MT leaving 5,049MT of B season allocation to harvest 93% of the B season allocation has been harvested and 96% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 4,520MT the seasonal harvest is 137,044MT. The B season allocation is 76,803MT with 74,447MT having been harvested, leaving 2,356MT of the B season to harvest 97% of the B season allocation has been taken and 98% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,505MT for the season 32,237MT leaving 17,234MT to harvest 65% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 11,756 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 26% leaving 33,944 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, in 2020 20,743 fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon, we saw a big drop of Chum bycatch last week was 8,000 fish. The season total is 524,125 fish this season in 2020 297,743 fish were taken.

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 9-11-21 was 3,999MT (8.9 million 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 1,593MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly from the pot boats 1,500MT and bycatch in other trawl fisheries. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 107,510MT (231 million pounds) leaving 25,158MT to harvest (million pounds) 88% of the allocation has been harvested. On Friday 9-17-21 NOAA closed all directed fishing in the Bering Sea, harvesters will now have to work in the Aleutian Islands. This was done to leave enough cod for bycatch in other fisheries.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 353MT last week for the season 3,715MT leaving 229MT cod allocation to harvest, 94% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested

C/P Pot CPs harvested 232MT last week of B season Cod for the season 1,025MT. The B season remaining allocation is 642MT last week there was no harvest by this sector 61% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Pot 60'>: harvested 1,068MT last week for the season 6,597MT leaving 2,737MT of A season allocation to harvest 71 % of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,593MT last week for the season 448,292MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT the A/B leaving 5,826MT to harvest 89% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 258MT last week for the season 6,035MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 7,616MT 45% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20, 2021, with the A/B season allocation of 38,548MT the seasonal harvest for 3 sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 20,004MT Amendment 80 8,366MT At Sea fleet 4,923MT. We had a harvest 495MT harvested last week with 407MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 14MT and CV sector 74MT A/B season harvest stands at 36,409MT which leaves 3,251MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 95% 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 September 11, 2021, fishing continues to be good last week, with more fishing activity

moving back to the Bering Sea on flatfish, and less activity in the Aleutian Islands. The total harvest stands 234,400MT (522 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 6,549MT (14.6million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 83,790MT, Rock Sole, 13,448MT Alaska Plaice, 14,531MT, Flathead Sole 8,042MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 6,753MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,171MT other Flatfish 2,370MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 30,697MT Atka Mackerel 48,426MT Octopus, 144MT Skate 15,619MT Greenland Turbot, 1,578MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,794MT

IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 9-20-21

Halibut: through September 20, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds. As of this morning 2,688 Halibut landings have been made for 13.2 million pounds. Leaving 5.83million pounds to harvest 71% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 500,000 by the fleet statewide. 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 2.5million pounds. Followed by Seward at 1.6million pounds. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska but are still confidential. In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) 76 landings for 476,544lbs leaving 553,856lbs to harvest 46% of the allocation has been harvested.

Sablefish: through September 20, 2021, Sablefish allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation. As of this morning 1,390 landings have been made for 22.8million pounds leaving 20.5million pounds to harvest 53% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 400,000lbs leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 4.5million pounds followed by Kodiak at 3.46million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$2.00 to \$5.50 range depending on size. Landings of Sablefish in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

ADFG State Water Sablefish 9-20-21

The fishery is still ongoing, but fishing is very slow 5 vessels are registered to fish, the catch as of this morning is only 68,869lbs from 20 landing leaving 825,311lbs still to harvest. There were no landings made last week.

Unalaska Food and Bait Herring Fishery 9-20-21

The fishery is still open no one is currently fishing. The landings are confidential two seiners fished, possibly only 40% 3,000ST allocation was taken.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 9-20-2021

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. There have been total landing. The Eastern District is at 27 for 1.46 million pounds the Western District is

at 5 landing estimated at 400,000lbs. The total landing is at 1.86million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation 5.9 million pounds leaving 4.04 million pounds to harvest.

State Water Dungeness Crab Fishery 9-20-21

The Dungeness Crab fishery has 4 vessels are registered to fish, with 25 landings for 800,970lbs as of this morning there is no poundage allocation on Dungeness Crab.

Regards

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Attachments

1. NOAA Report 21-42 NMFS Prohibits Directed Fishing on Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.
2. Harvest Data