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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 9-18-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and BSAI Crab, 9-27-21.

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 B season has now been open for 13 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 13,000MT decrease in Pollock harvest to 26,658MT due to vessels finishing their Pollock allocations. The At Sea CPs sector leads the way with a harvest of 12,288MT (27 million pounds). The total B season harvest is at 703,325MT in pounds (1.57 billion pounds)

The harvest by the Amendment 80 sector harvester last week increased by 6,000MT 12,191MT for the week the seasonal harvest to 246,043MT (550 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 13.6 million pounds leaving 4.9 million pounds to harvest, 73% of the allocation has been taken. The CDQ harvest In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) 82 landings for 557,894lbs leaving 472,506lbs to harvest 54% of the allocation has been harvested. Sablefish harvested 800,000lbs. Last week for the season 23.6 million pounds harvested, leaving 19.8 million pounds to harvest 54% 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 1.8 million pounds the Western District is at 5 landings estimated at 400,000lbs. The total landing is at 2.2 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation 5.9 million pounds leaving 4.7 million pounds to harvest 37.5% 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

154% taken almost -783MT over their cap amount. Chinook salmon is at 27% 12,226 fish and Herring is already at 68% with a bycatch 1,692MT. on a cap of 2,400MT. Last week we saw a decrease in Chum salmon bycatch with only 2,000 fish taken last week, for a season total of 526,000 fish, compared to 207,000fish 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 9-18-2021 was 36,216MT (80 million pounds) with most of the harvest 26,000MT was Pollock. The season totals are 1,674,038MMT (3.73 billion pounds) harvested leaving 312,122MT (697million pounds) 84% 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 9-18-21 came in at 26,658MT (59 million pounds) that is 13,000MT 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 18th 703,325MT of B season Pollock has been harvested (1.57 billion pounds) leaving 47,980MT (107 million pounds) to harvest, 94% of the B season Pollock is complete. The season may be done the last week of September or about 2 weeks. The 2021 season is 150,000MT a full 3 weeks ahead of 2020 B season Pollock harvest during the same time-period. Of the 47,000MT to harvest 41,000MT is in the CV catcher vessel sector that delivers shoreside.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 8,570MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 558,611MT the B season allocation 330,165MT the B season harvest is at 298,792MT leaving 41,689MT of B season harvest, 90% of the B season has been taken and 93% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 12,288MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,561MT the B season allocation is 330,165 the harvest stands at 260,329MT leaving 4,679MT of the B season allocation to harvest 99% of the B season allocation has been taken and 99% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 3,514MT the seasonal harvest is at 118,524MT the B season total is at 65,115MT leaving 1,535MT of B season allocation to harvest 100% of the B season allocation has been harvested and 100% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 2,286MT the seasonal harvest is 139,330MT. The B season allocation is 76,803MT with 76,732MT having been harvested, leaving 70MT of the B season to harvest 100% of the B season allocation has been taken and 100% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,142MT for the season 33,386MT leaving 16,104MT to harvest 67% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 12,227Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 27% leaving 33,744fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, in 2020 21722fish were taken. In the other salmon category Chum salmon, we saw a big drop of Chum bycatch last week was 2,500 fish. The season total is 526,431fish this season in 2020 235,800fish were taken.

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 9-18-21 was 2,602MT (5.8million pounds) the decrease from the previous weeks is due to the reduced effort by the over 60' ft and under 60' pot boats. 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 1,002MT and bycatch in other trawl fisheries. The total cod harvest by all sectors stands at 110,112MT (245 million pounds) leaving 22,556MT to harvest million pounds) 89% 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 192MT last week for the season 3,907MT leaving 37MT cod allocation to harvest, 99% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested

C/P Pot CPs harvested 242MT last week of B season Cod for the season 1,194MT. The B season remaining allocation is 473MT last week there was no harvest by this sector 72% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Pot 60'>: harvested 440MT last week for the season 7,137MT leaving 2,197MT of A season allocation to harvest 71 % of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,005MT last week for the season 49,293MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT the A/B leaving 4,825MT to harvest 91% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 292MT last week for the season 6,375MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 7,324MT 46% 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 423MT harvested last week with 375MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 12MT and CV sector 36MT A/B season harvest stands at 36,832MT which leaves 2,828MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 96% 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 18, 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 246,043MT (549 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 12,191MT (14.6million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 86,335MT, Rock Sole, 13,586MT Alaska Plaice, 14,842MT, Flathead Sole 8,865MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,009MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,439MT other Flatfish 2,370MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 37,307MT Atka Mackerel 48,686MT Octopus, 148MT Skate 16,232MT Greenland Turbot, 1,578MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,794MT

IFQ Halibut/Sablefish 9-27-21

Halibut: through September 27, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds. As of this morning 2,798 Halibut landings have been made for 13.6 million pounds. Leaving 4.9million pounds to harvest 73% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 400,000 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 2.6million pounds. Followed by Seward at 1.62 million pounds. Landings of Halibut have been made in Unalaska but are still confidential. In Area 4-CDE (CDQ) 82 landings for 557,894lbs leaving 472,506lbs to harvest 54% of the allocation has been harvested.

Sablefish: through September 27, 2021, Sablefish allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation. As of this morning 1,458 landings have been made for 23.6million pounds leaving 19.8million pounds to harvest 54% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 900,000lbs leading ports for Sablefish landings are Seward at 4.6million pounds followed by Kodiak at 3.59million 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 9-27-21

The fishery is still ongoing, but fishing is very slow 5 vessels are registered to fish, the catch as of this morning is only 78,098lbs from 30 landing leaving 816,102lbs still to harvest. There were no landings made last week.

Unalaska Food and Bait Herring Fishery 9-27-21

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 9-27-2021

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at 5 landing estimated at 400,000lbs. The total landings are at 2.2million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation 5.9 million pounds leaving 3.7million pounds to harvest.

State Water Dungeness Crab Fishery 9-20-21

The Dungeness Crab fishery has 4 vessels are registered to fish, with 30 landings for 906,876lbs as of this morning there is no poundage allocation on Dungeness Crab.

Regards

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Attachments

1. NOAA Report 21-43 NMFS Prohibits Retention of other Rock Fish in the Aleutian Island Subarea of the Bering Sea.
2. Harvest Data Information