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Subject: Harvest Updates on Federal Water Groundfish Harvests, IFQ Sablefish,
Halibut and State Water Crab.

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 5-15-21, IFQ Halibut, Sablefish and
BSAI Crab, 5-24-21.**

Fishing Seasons: The 2021 A season fishing season is now in its slow period, until the June 10th start of the Pollock B season. The 2021 Groundfish A season opened on January 1st with the fixed gear sector fishing Pacific Cod. The trawl Groundfish fishery open on January 20, 2021. Last week Groundfish harvest ending on May 7, 2021 was 9,036MT which was 1,500MT lower than the previous weeks catch due to the Pollock and Pacific Cod fisheries with most of their A season allocations have been harvested. The Pollock harvest really dropped off last week by CV sector for the week ending on 5-15-2021 was 0MT that leaves CV sector with 12,674MT this sector may be done, but could start up again just before the June 10, 2021 B season Pollock start. The Pollock A season harvest stands at 588,701MT of A season allocation, 98% of the A season allocation has been harvested leaving 14,299MT unharvested. The At Sea, Mothership, and CDQ sects have completed their A season harvest. The CV sector which has the largest allocation 270,000MT has harvested 95% of the A season allocation leaving 12,674MT (28 million pounds) still to harvest I believe most of that fish is from the Trident Seafood allocation they have the largest part of the CV allocation 33% which is 89,000MT of the 270,000MT A season allocation. The unharvested amount of Pollock will rollover to the Pollock B season.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 5-15-2021 was 9,036MT (20.1 million pounds) with most of the harvest 2,900MT was Yellowfin Sole. The season totals are 809,311MT (1.8 billion pounds) harvested leaving 1,178,726MMT (2.63 billion pounds) 41% of the overall annual harvest of 1.98MMT (4.4 billion pounds).

Pollock: the Pollock A season opens on January 20th with and allocation of 599,000MT (1.3billion pounds) this 40% of the Pollock seasonal allocation of 1,375MMT (3.07Billion pounds). The A season breakdown by sector is as follows CV shoreside 270,000MT At Sea CPs 216,180MT Mothership 54,207MT, CDQ 62,730MT. The harvest by sectors for

the week ending on 5-15-2021 is 0MT for all harvesting sectors. The season total harvest stands at 588,701MT leaving 14,299MT of A season allocation to harvest 98% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The CV sector has 12,137MT of A season Pollock still to harvest.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 600,300MT the A season harvest is at 257,461MT leaving 12,674MT A season harvest 95% of the A season has been taken. This sector should wrap up its A season allocation soon, some of the shoreplants in Unalaska have already taken their A season allocation and have employees and harvesters flying out. I would think that Trident has the majority of the 12,538MT left to harvest since they have the largest share of the Pollock allocation, and they were extremely late starting this A season with the Covid-19 shutdown that coast them a month of processing. At this point we are not sure if the Trident fleet is still fishing or if the 12,538MT will roll over to the B season allocation. There is the possibly that some vessels will work on the 12,538 MT before the June 10th start of the B season.

At Sea Processors: harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal allocation is 475,200MT the A season harvest is 257,461MT. leaving 872MT of the A season allocation to harvest 100% of the A season allocation has been taken.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 0MT from their annual allocation is at 118,800MT the A season total is at 53,409MT leaving 618MT of A season allocation to harvest 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal allocation is 137,500MT. The A season allocation is 61,875MT with 62,596MT having been harvested, leaving - 721MT of the A season to harvest 101% of the allocation has been taken.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 306MT for the season 22,584MT leaving 26,916MT to harvest 46% over the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 9,473 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the season, the 2021 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 21% leaving 36,227fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish, In the other salmon category Chum salmon 141 fish this season no new data.

Pacific Cod: federal water fishery landings of Pacific Cod last week ending on May 15, 2021 was 818MT (1.8 million pounds) including the CDQ harvest. The majority came from the freezer longline CPs fleet in the Bering Sea 587MT. The seasonal harvest totals for the A/B season are 69,604MT from all harvesting sectors (155.64. million pounds). The remaining Pacific Cod allocation is 40,657MT including CDQ (90.8million pounds) 63% of the seasonal allocation has been taken. The breakdown by harvesting sectors is listed below.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,362MT -240MT over the Cod allocation of 3,122MT the 108% fishery is closed.

C/P Pot CPs harvested 0MT last week of A season Cod for the season 792MT. 100% of this sector A sector allocation has been harvested leaving 58MT of A season allocation to harvest this amount will roll over to the B season allocation, fishery is now closed.

CV Pot 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 4,376MT leaving 385MT of A season allocation to harvest 92% of the A season allocation has been harvested. This sector closed on January 21st we will have the final A season numbers next week the unharvested amount will rollover to the B season.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 587MT last week for the season 24,883MT from the A/B season allocation of 54,118MT The A season harvest is set at 27,600MT leaving 2,738MT 90% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 20MT last week for the season 4,965MT from an allocation of 13,395MT leaving 8,433MT 41% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20, 2021, with an A/B season allocation of 38,548MT the breakdown between sectors is catcher vessels 24,704MT Amendment 80 14,979MT AFA At Sea fleet 2,571MT. We had a harvest 290MT harvested last week with 134MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 17MT and CV sector 20MT A season stands at 31,156MT which leaves 7,402MT of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 82% of the A/B 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 May 15, 2021 the total harvest stands 129,018MT (288.22 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 8,920MT (19.92 million pounds) the seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 58,858MT, Rock Sole, 10,638MT Alaska Plaice, 12,847MT, Flathead Sole 3,878MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 1,529MT, Kamchatka Flounder 518MT other Flatfish 3,878MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 5,145MT Atka Mackerel 24,520MT Octopus, 109MT Skate 9,055MT Greenland Turbot, 85MT and Sablefish Trawl 310MT

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Halibut: through May 24, 2021. The Halibut allocation for Alaska is 18.56 million pounds and the. As of this morning 793 Halibut landings have been made for 4.3 million pounds. leaving 14.3 million pounds to harvest 23% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week saw a harvest of 700,000lbs. Ex-vessel prices have been in \$5.00-\$5.70 depending on size and port of landing. Juneau is the leading port of landing at 611,341lbs. followed by Seward at 604,380lbs. Landings of Halibut in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

Sablefish: through May 24, 2021 Sablefish allocation is set at 43.4 million pounds a 10-million-pound increase over last year allocation, it is speculated that a lot of that allocation will be small Sablefish at an exceptionally low value. As of this morning 664 landings have been made for 11.2million pounds leaving 32.2 million pounds to harvest 26% of the allocation has been taken. Last week harvest saw a harvest of 1.2 million pounds. Leading ports for Sablefish landings are Sitka at 2.3 million pounds followed by Seward at 2.1 million pounds. Prices for Sablefish are in the \$3.00 to \$4.00 range depending on size. Landings of Sablefish in Unalaska are still confidential until more buyers purchase fish.

State Water Crab Fisheries 5-24-2021

Opilio Tanner Crab (Snow Crab), opens on Thursday October 15th for 45 million pounds, including the 10% for CDQ. Fishing continues for a small portion of the fleet much of the fleet has harvested their allocations. There have been some good reports of decent fishing west of St Matthew. ADFG reports the crab fleet is down to about 4 vessels fishing. There have been 493 landings so far for 44.5 million pounds 99% of the harvest is complete, leaving 407,019lbs. to harvest, including the CDQ portion. The breakdown by region North 15.03 million pounds 100% leaving 1lbs to harvest. South 17.08 million pounds is 98% leaving 282,064lbs., additionally 4.49 million pounds of CDQ has been harvested leaving 914lbs harvest 100% been taken additionally 124,033lbs of undesignated Snow Crab still to harvest 99% of that allocation has been harvested. This fishery closes on May 31, 2021 that should leave enough time to harvest the remaining 407,000lbs.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery: this fishery opened on Saturday August 1st the allocation is set at 6.6 million pounds. the allocation by district is as follows the Eastern district was 3.65 million pounds and Western district at 2.96 million pounds. There have been 55 landings from 2 vessels in the Eastern District; the catch poundage the harvest stands at 3.65 million pounds there were no landings made last week. The Eastern District allocation was exceeded by -187 lbs. over the harvest amount 100% of the allocation has been taken and this district is closed. The Western District saw two landings last week, the catch information is as follows 42 landings from 3 vessels for 2.86 million pounds 96% of the Western allocation has been taken leaving 103,000 pounds unharvested the Western district was extended by a ADFG emergency order four 2 weeks to May 15, 2021 the season is now closed.

Regards

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Attachment

1. NOAA Report: U.S. and Russia Scientists Partner to Study Polar Bear and Seals Populations
2. NOAA Report: Community Steps Up to Continue Yukon River Salmon Research During Pandemic