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To: Erin Reinders, Mayor Tutikoff, and Council Members

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: January Fishery Activities

On January 1, the 2021 fishing season opened with the fixed gears sectors starting operations. Of note the Snow Fishery has started with a harvest of 45 million pounds ADFG has 38 vessels registered to fish now and the fleet size could go up to 60 vessels after some of the crabbers finishing Pot Cod. The Tanner Crab Fishery has 1.8 million pounds to harvest and most likely that will be harvested after vessels have harvested their Snow Crab allocations. Lastly the Golden King Crab Harvest still has 1.75 million pounds to harvest.

The Fixed Gear Pacific Cod our underway the 60'> Pot Boats close to 30 vessels are fishing on and A season allocation of 4,700MT =10.5 million pounds. The 60'< fixed gear fleet is working on 2,200MT plus and additional 900MT will be reallocated from the Jig allocation for a total of 6.7million pounds. The state water pot Cod fishery will open 7 days after the closure of the federal water fishery for 27 million pounds.

On January 20th, the trawl fisheries open with and the A season Pollock allocation of 550,000MT which is 40% of the total allocation of 1,375,000MMT the A season allocation for the Unalaska shores plants is 63.5% of the shoreside A season allocation, which is 160,000MT=357 million pounds. The Pacific Cod fisheries the trawl catcher vessel allocation which the majority is delivered shoreside plants the A season allocation is 18,200MT=40million pounds. The AFA and Amendment 80 trawl Cod allocations total 14,000MT=31 million pounds.

The Amendment 80 fisheries also open on January 20th they include Sole, Perch and Atka Mackerel and other trawl fisheries the allocations are included on a spread sheet included with this memo.

The NMFS service has not included any new groundfish reports for this week I expect to see them next week. I have included the NMFS Fisheries Outlook reports, the crab landings report there was no crab landings last week.

Regards

Frank Kelty

Attachments:

1. Proposed 2021 Fishing Sector Allocations
2. NMFS Outlook Reports
3. NMFS Crab Harvest Reports
4. NOAA Fisheries Resource Reports
5. Fishery News Articles