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To: Erin Reinders, City Manager, JR Pierson, Asst. Manager, Mayor Tutikoff, & Unalaska City Council Members

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Subject: Bering Sea Aleutian Island Groundfish and Crab Harvest.

Groundfish 1-15-22

NOAA has done a limited update on the Groundfish harvest reports for January 15th due to lack of activity. For the week ending on 1-15-22 showed a total harvest 4,625MT (10.2 million pounds) of that 4,341MT (9.5million pounds) was Pacific Cod via Pot and Longline harvesters which open on January 1st, 2022. Of note the sixty foot over pot cod fishery closed on Sunday the 23rd at noon NMFS expects to be slightly over the 5,720MT A season allocation. The federal water sixty foot and under fixed gear fishery is still open and will close sometime this week they have less than 1,000MT still to harvest. On January 27th at noon the sixty feet under Alaska State Water pot cod fishery opens with and allocation of thirty-seven million pounds 30-35 vessels will work that fishery. The balance of the last weeks harvest was 69MT of incidental catch of Pollock, 27MT of Octopus, 17MT of Sablefish caught in pots and 148MT of Skate caught in the longline cod fishery. The Pollock A season fishery and all trawl fisheries opened on Thursday January 20th at noon we will have harvest information from all the trawl fisheries next week. Total Harvest through January 15th 6,569MT (14.4 million pounds) remaining quota 1,738,114MMT (3.8 billion pounds) to harvest less than 1% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

BSAI Crab, 1-24-21

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-24-22

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. The Eastern District is at 51 landings for 3.54 million pounds with 98% of the allocation harvested, there were three landings made in the Eastern District made last week. The Western District is at 18 landing an estimated 1.4 million pounds harvested 63% of the allocation has been harvested. The total landings are at 60 for 5.2 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 700,000 pounds to harvest. There was no landing of Golden King Crab last week from either district.

Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 1-24-22

There were no landings last week from the Western District in the Pribilof Islands. For the season have twelve small landing for 159,069lbs harvested, leaving 940,000lbs to harvest 14% of the allocation has been harvested. We had no landings made last week, the allocation for this area is set at 1.09 million pounds three vessels are fishing Baiardi at this time

Snow Crab (Opilio Tanner) 1-24-22

The past week we have had four vessels have make twelve landings 366,000lbs. leaving 5.2 million pounds still to harvest from the 5.5-million-pound allocation. The catch per pot is averaging close to two hundred crab per pot, live weight is 1.3 pounds. There are twenty vessels registered now fishing and with pot cod is now closed, ADFG expects another 10-15 vessels enter the fishery to harvest their Snow Crab allocations. We should have more information next week.

Regards

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Attachments

1. Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports