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Subject: Fishery Update for 1-31-2022

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 1-22-22 BSAI Crab, 1-31-22.

Fishing Seasons: The 2022 fishing season got underway on January 1st for the Pacific Cod fixed gear sectors. Pollock A season and all other trawl fisheries open on January 20th. The Pacific Cod fixed federal water Pot Cod fisheries had strong fishing. The sixty' foot over pot cod vessels harvested 6,104MT in 2.5 weeks they went 394MT over there A season allocation. The sixty' foot under pot cod vessels harvested 3,200MT they also went over their allocation fishing was incredibly good. The hook and line CPs also had good fishing and have harvested 2,100MT through January 22nd the trawl fleet has only fished two days and is just getting started have harvested 120MT. The overall Pacific Cod allocation is at 147,180MT the harvest through January 22, 2022, is in at 5,228MT leaving 141,952MT to harvest. The Pollock A season opened on January 20th we have only two days of harvested data for this week and will have a full week of reports on Thursday February 3rd. The A season allocation of 1,111,000MMT for all four sectors or 477,675MT for this A season. The shoreside sector allocation of the 40% is 213,840MT with Unalaska share at 63.5% equals 135,788MT or 300 million pounds. Many of the sector's vessels are just arriving a still getting geared up for the fishing season. The first two day of fishing came in at 8,889MT (19.5 million pounds) it is strong fishing, with the shoreside leading the way at 5,296MT (11.6 million pounds). The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fleet they are just getting started, with a harvest of 2,106MT for the first two days of the season.

On the Crab fisheries, we are seeing the first substantial Snow Crab landings about 1.2 million pounds have been landed as of January 31st leaving 4.7 million pounds still to harvest. The Western District Bairdi Tanner is slow with less than 200,000lbs landed leaving 700,000lbs still to harvest. and the Golden King Crab fishery has harvested 4.8 million of their 5.9 million allocations with 1.1 million left to harvest is all in the Western Aleutian Islands District.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 1-22-2022 was 16,016MT (35.2 million pounds) with much of the harvest 8,688MT was Pollock, (Nineteen million pounds). The season totals are 22,989MMT (50.6 million pounds) harvested leaving 1,721,794MMT (3.7 billion pounds) 1% of the overall annual harvest of 1.74MMT (3.8 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: The Pollock A season open on January 20th we have only two days of harvested data for this week and will have a full week of reports on Thursday February 3rd this week the A season is a 40% allocation of 1,111,000MMT for all four sectors or 477,675MT. The shoreside sector allocation of that 40% is 213,840MT with Unalaska share at 63.5% equals 135,788MT or 300 million pounds. Many of the sector's vessels are just arriving a still getting geared up for the fishing season.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 5,296MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT last week harvest was 5,296 leaving – 208,544MT of A season harvest, with 2% of the A allocation having been harvested.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 2,120MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the harvest stands at 2,120MT leaving 168,952MT of the A season allocation to harvest 1% of a season allocation has been taken and 1% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal harvest is at 0MT the A season total is at 42,768MT leaving 42,768MT of A season allocation to harvest 0% of the A season allocation has been harvested, and 0% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 1,272MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 1,272MT having been harvested, leaving 48,723MT of the A season to harvest 3% of the A season allocation has been taken and 1% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 196MT for the season 196MT leaving 109,828MT to harvest 1% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: there was 0 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 0% leaving 45,535 fish of the cap amount of 45,000 fish. Chum salmon, the season total as of 1-31-22 is zero

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod is still slow last week harvest through 1-22-22 was 5,228MT (11.5 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT there was a slight increase from the previous weeks is due to the increased effort by directed fishing completed in the Bering Sea. The major activity was in the Pot Cod and Freezer longline which harvested 5,500MT the rest of cod harvest is mostly from the trawl vessels. The total

cod harvest by all sectors stands at 5,228MT (11.5 million pounds) leaving 141,952MT to harvest 0.03% of the allocation has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 1,309MT last week for the season 3,075MT leaving -404MT cod allocation to harvest, -115% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 71MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 120MT. The A season remaining allocation is 901MT 12% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pot 60'>: harvested 2,221MT last week for the season 6,104MT leaving -384MT over the of A season allocation to harvest 107 % of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 1,336MT last week for the season 2,189MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 30,975MT to harvest 7% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 201MT last week for the season 201MT from an allocation of 15,877MT leaving 15,676MT 1% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20,2022, with the A season allocation of 37,744MT the seasonal harvest for three sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 21,944MT Amendment 80 13,485MT At Sea fleet 2,315MT. We had a harvest last week 89MT harvested last week with 67MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 12MT and CV sector 10MT A season harvest stands at 37,655MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 0.5% of the A season harvest has been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,879MT leaving 1,879MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Fisheries:

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on January 22, 2022, fishing continues to be slow last week. Fishing activity is just getting underway Bering Sea and in the Aleutian Islands. The total harvest stands 2,106MT (4.6 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 2,106MT (4.6 million pounds) down 2,500MT from the previous week. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 1,020MT, Rock Sole,55MT Alaska Plaice, 39MT, Flathead Sole 42MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1MT other Flatfish 6MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 9MT Atka Mackerel 321MT Octopus,28MT Skate 583MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 0MT

Opilio Snow Crab 1-31-2022

The past week we finally saw some meaningful deliveries, the fleet of about twenty-five vessels have been dealing with terrible weather, icing conditions and ice flows on the grounds. Through this morning the fleet has made thirty-one landings 1.2 million pounds leaving 4.7 million pounds to harvest 22% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according to ADFG is between 180-200 crab; live weight average is particularly good at 1.3 lbs. large crab. The fleet is mostly working NW of St Paul Island close to international boundary line.

Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 1-31-2022

Fishing continues to be slow in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands. There have been eighteen landings for 190,000 lbs. leaving 800,000lbs. to harvest 18% of the allocation has been harvested. We had thirteen landings last week. The allocation for this area is set at 990,000lbs. down from 2.3 million pounds in 2021.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-31-2022

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. The Eastern District is at 51 landings for 3.5 million pounds with 98% of the allocation harvested leaving 69,068lbs. to harvest. The Western District is at 24 landings an estimated 1.3 million pounds harvested leaving 900,000lbs to harvest 59% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 75 for 4.8 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 1.6 million pounds to harvest 81% of the harvest is completed. There was one landing in the Western region last week.

Regards

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Attachments

1. Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports
3. IPHC Report

