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Subject: Fishery Update for 2-22-2022

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 2-12-22 BSAI Crab, and State Water Pot Cod 2-22-22.

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 opened on January 20th. The week ending on February 12th fishing continues to look strong, catch for Pollock for the week the harvest was 60,807MT for the season 178,564MT (in pounds 393 million) leaving 266,202MT of A season allocation to harvest, 40% of the A season allocation has been harvested. If fishing continues at his rate the Pollock A season could be wrapped up by the end of the third week of March. The opening ex-vessel price on Pollock is averaging \$0.16 per pound. Unalaska shoreplants share of the A season harvest is 220 million pounds putting the harvest value at \$35.2 million and if the total A season allocation is harvested the 2% raw fish revenue would be \$700,000 the Alaska Business 1.5% \$528,000 and the Resource Landing 1.5% \$1.1 million dollars the reason this revenue is so much higher, is due to fact that offshore sector has 10% more Pollock seasonal allocation.

The Pacific Cod fixed federal water Pot Cod fisheries had strong fishing and have closed. Through February 5th the sixty' foot over pot cod vessels harvested 6,955MT in 2.5 weeks they went 394MT over there A season allocation. The sixty' foot under pot cod vessels harvested 3,961MT they also went over their allocation fishing was incredibly good. The hook and line CPs harvested 2,461MT last week for the season 7,674MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 25,490MT to harvest 23% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

The catcher vessel trawl fleet harvest picked up last week with the CV sector fully engaged. Last week harvest came in at 5,587MT harvested with 952MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 188MT and CV sector harvest 4,447MT A season harvest stands at 6,502MT leaving 30,102MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 17% of the A season harvest has been harvested. The overall Pacific Cod allocation from all sectors is at 147,180MT the harvest through February 12, 2022, is in at 27,785MT (in pounds sixty-one million) leaving 119,395MT to harvest (in pounds 263 million). The ex-vessel price on Pacific Cod landing into Unalaska so far are averaging \$0.48 cents per

pound putting the total ex-vessels value on Pacific Cod harvest at 360 million pounds at \$172 million dollars.

The Pacific Cod State Water Fishery for sixty' under pot vessels through February 22nd fishing is improving the fishery is at 107 landings from twenty-two vessels for 7.2 million pounds leaving 29.2 million pounds still to harvest 19% of the harvest has been completed.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fleet harvested for the week ending on, February 12,2022 fishing is improving, last week harvest came in at fishing is improving last week harvest came in at 13,630MT (30 million pounds) 5,000MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 33,354MT (73.5 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The Yellowfin Sole harvest is most of the total harvest, at 15,672MT followed by Atka Mackerel 6,677MT.

The Snow Crab fishery has slowed down through this morning, the fleet has made Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-four landings 3.4 million pounds leaving 2.1 million pounds to harvest 62% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according to ADFG is between 140-150 crab; live weight average is particularly good at 1.3 lbs. large crab. The season should be completed in another 2-3 weeks depending on weather and ice conditions on the grounds. 590,000lbs. 40% of the harvest is complete. The opening price on Snow Crab is \$4.00 per pound putting the total ex-vessel value at \$22 million Unalaska share hopefully be 35% of the landings 1.9 million pounds putting the 2% raw fish tax at \$154,000 and 1.5% Alaska Fisheries business tax at \$115,000

The Tanner Crab fishery continues to be slow in the Western District of the Pribilof Islands. With forty-three landings made for 431,821lbs. leaving 558,188lbs. 44% of the allocation of 990, 000lbs.has been harvested. The ex-vessel opening price on Tanner crab is at \$7.45 per pound putting the total value at \$7.3 million dollars if the total allocation is harvested.

The Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery: The Eastern District is at 52 landings for 3.61 million pounds with 100% of the allocation harvested -4,790lbs. over the allocation. The Western District is at 26 landing an estimated 1.3 million pounds harvested leaving 750,000lbs to harvest 67% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 78 for 5.15 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 800,000 million pounds to harvest 86.4% of the harvest is completed. There was one landing from the Western District last week. The ex-vessel value opening price is at \$5.15 per pound put the total ex-vessel value \$30.5 million dollars Unalaska 2% raw fish and 1.5 % Alaska Business taxes should come in close to \$900,000 close 95% of the Golden King Crab is landed in Unalaska since, the Adak plant closed three years ago.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 2-12-2022 was 80,032MT (176.3 million pounds) a 10,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest, with much of the harvest 60,000MT was Pollock, (one hundred thirty -two million pounds).

The season totals are 239,864MMT harvested (526 million pounds) leaving 1,504,819MMT (3.3 billion pounds) to harvest 14% of the overall annual harvest of 1,744,000MMT (3.8 billion pounds) has been taken.

Pollock: The Pollock A season open on January 20th for this week and will have a full week of reports on Thursday February 12th this week showing the A season harvest at 178,564MT (393,555 million pounds) leaving 266,202MT (586million pounds) to harvest, 40% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 22,410MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT 71,275MT has been harvested leaving 142,565MT of A season to harvest, with 33% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 15% of the seasonal harvest.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 19,418MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the A season harvest stands at 65,689MT leaving 105,383MT of the A season allocation to harvest, 38% of a season allocation has been taken and 17% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 5,183MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the A season harvest is at 9,588MT from 42,768MT leaving 33,180MT of A season allocation to harvest 22% of the A season allocation has been harvested, and 10% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 13,796MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 32,022MT having been harvested, leaving 17,973MT of the A season to harvest 64% of the A season allocation has been taken and 29% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,567MT for the season 4,607MT leaving 44,893MT to harvest 9% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: the bycatch total through 2-12-22 is 1,940Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 2% leaving 43,768 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish 4% of the cap amount has been taken. Chum salmon, the season total as of 2-12-22 is twenty-four fish.

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod has slowed down with the closer of two of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through February 12th, 2022, was 8,596MT (19.1 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The overall Pacific Cod allocation from all sectors is at 147,180MT the harvest through February 12, 2022, is in at 27,785MT (in pounds sixty-one million) leaving 119,395MT to harvest (in pounds 263 million).

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,961MT leaving -213MT cod allocation to harvest, -106% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 96MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 574MT. The A season remaining allocation is 447MT 56% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60’>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 6,955MT leaving -1,235MT over the of A season allocation 5,720MT to harvest 122 % of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 2,461MT last week for the season 7,674MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 25,490MT to harvest 23% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 552MT last week for the season 1,283MT from an allocation of 15,877MT leaving 14,594MT 8% 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 5,587MT harvested last week with 952MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 188MT and CV sector 4,447MT A season harvest stands at 6,502MT leaving 30,102MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 17% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

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.

State Water Pot Cod <60’ Under: the sixty’ foot under pot vessels through February 15th fishing has been improving the fishery is at 107 landings from twenty-two vessels for 7.2 million pounds leaving 29.8 million pounds still to harvest 19% of the harvest has been completed.

Amendment 80 Fisheries:

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, February 12, 2022, fishing is improving last week harvest came in at 13,630MT (30 million pounds) 5,000MT increase over last week’s harvest. The total harvest stands 33,354MT (73.5 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 15,672MT, Rock Sole,1,765MT Alaska Plaice, 1,245MT, Flathead Sole 1,744MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 94MT, Kamchatka Flounder 9MT other Flatfish 214MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 877MT Atka Mackerel 6,677MT Octopus,70MT Skate 3,212MT Greenland Turbot, 3MT and Sablefish Trawl 5MT

Opilio Snow Crab 2-22-2022

The Snow crab fishery has slowed down as vessels have harvested their allocations and the fleet continues to battle ice conditions and winter storms. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-four landings 3.4 million pounds leaving 2.1 million

pounds to harvest 62% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according to ADFG is between 140-150 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 The Northern region harvest is almost complete with only 70,000lbs. left to harvest, the remaining 1.95 million pounds is Southern region crab that will be delivered to Unalaska, Akutan and King Cove. The season should be completed in another 2-3 weeks depending on weather and ice conditions on the grounds.

Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 2-22-2022

Fishing continues to be slow in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands. With forty-three landings for 431,821lbs. leaving 558,188lbs. 44% of the allocation has been harvested. The allocation was reduced from 2.3 million pounds in 2021 to 990,000 pounds for 2022 fishing season.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 2-22-2022

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. The Eastern District is at 52 landings for 3.61 million pounds with 100% of the allocation harvested -4,790lbs. over the allocation. The Western District is at 26 landing an estimated 1.3 million pounds harvested leaving 750,000lbs to harvest 67% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 78 for 5.15 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 800,000 million pounds to harvest 86.4% of the harvest is completed. There was one landing from the Western District last week.

Regards

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Attachments

1. Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports