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**Subject:** Fishery Update for 2-28-2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 2-19-22 BSAI Crab, and State Water Pot Cod 2-28-22.**

**Fishing Seasons:** The 2022 fishing season got underway on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Pacific Cod fixed gear sectors. Pollock A season and all other trawl fisheries opened on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The week ending on February 19<sup>th</sup> fishing continues to be strong, catch for Pollock for the week the harvest was 53,881MT for the season 232,433MT (in pounds 512 million) leaving 212,321MT of A season allocation to harvest, 52% 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 putting the ex-vessel value of the A season at \$155 million without profit sharing amounts that is figured in at the end of the season.

Pacific Cod fishery, harvest through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 10,862MT (19.1 million pounds) from the trawl and longline harvesters, from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The overall Pacific Cod allocation from all sectors is at 147,180MT the harvest through February 19, 2022, is in at 34,647MT (in pounds seventy -six million pounds) leaving 112,533MT to harvest (in pounds 248 million). The main harvests last week were in the Freezer longline and trawl cod sectors. The ex-vessels price for shoreplant deliveries is in the \$0.44-\$0.46 per pound range.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 2,217MT last week for the season 9,891MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 23,273MT to harvest 29% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

The Trawl cod sector 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 through February 19<sup>th</sup> last week of 10,193MT harvested last week with 6,775MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 1,203MT and CV sector 2,217MT A season harvest stands at 16,695MT leaving 19,909MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 44% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

The Pacific Cod State Water the sixty' foot under pot vessels through February 28<sup>th</sup> fishing has improved the fishery is at 145 landings from twenty-two vessels for 9.7 million pounds leaving 27.4 million pounds still to harvest 26% of the harvest has been completed.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, February 19, 2022, fishing is slowed last week harvest came in at 4,658MT (10.2 million pounds) 8,000MT decrease over last week's harvest. I assume the decrease was due to catcher processors were intown in Unalaska doing offloads. The total harvest stands 38,012MT (83.7 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest

The Snow crab fishery has slowed down, there are only six vessels still fishing due to leasing quota on multiple boats to be harvested. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-twenty-two landings 3.8 million pounds leaving 1.74 million pounds to harvest 69% 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 Tanner crab fishery continues to be slow in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands. With forty-three landings for 633,030lbs. leaving 356,970lbs. 64% 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.

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 -4,788lbs. 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 were no landings from the Western District last week.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 2-19-2022 was 75,476MT (166.3 million pounds) a 5,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, with much of the harvest 53,000MT was Pollock, (one hundred sixteen million pounds). The season totals are 315,650MT harvested (694 million pounds) leaving 1,429,033MMT (3.14 billion pounds) to harvest 18% of the overall annual harvest of 1,744,000MMT (3.8 billion pounds) has been taken.

**Pollock:** The Pollock A season open on January 20<sup>th</sup> for the week ending on February 19<sup>th</sup> we had a harvest of 53,881MT (118 million pounds) this week showing the A season harvest at 232,443MT (512 million pounds) leaving 212,321MT (467 million pounds) to harvest, 52% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 20,84MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT 92,156MT has been harvested leaving

121,684MT of A season to harvest, with 43% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 19% of the seasonal harvest.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 20,683MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the A season harvest stands at 86,372MT leaving 84,700MT of the A season allocation to harvest, 43% of the A season allocation has been taken and 23% of the seasonal allocation.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 5,112MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the A season harvest is at 14,700MT from 42,768MT leaving 28,068MT of A season allocation to harvest 34% of the A season allocation has been harvested, and 15% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** harvested last week was 7,202MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 39,215MT having been harvested, leaving 10,780MT of the A season to harvest 78% of the A season allocation has been taken and 35% of the annual allocation.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** last week harvest was 1,295MT for the season 5,894MT leaving 43,606MT to harvest 12% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** the bycatch total through 2-19-22 is 2,553 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 2% leaving 43,147 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish 6% of the cap amount has been taken. Chum salmon, the season total as of 2-19-22 is thirty 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 10,862MT (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 19, 2022, is in at 34,647MT (in pounds seventy -six million pounds) leaving 112,533MT to harvest (in pounds 248 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** 0MT 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.

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**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 315MT last week for the season 1,598MT from an allocation of 15,877MT leaving 14,279MT 10% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> fishing has been improving the fishery is at 145 landings from twenty-two vessels for 9.7 million pounds leaving 27.4 million pounds still to harvest 26% of the harvest has been completed.

#### **Amendment 80 Fisheries:**

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#### **Opilio Snow Crab 2-28-2022**

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**Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 2-28-2022**

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Attachments

1.Harvest Data