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**Subject:** Fishery Update for 1-31-2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 1-29-22 BSAI Crab, 2-7-22.**

**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 open on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Pollock A season opened on January 20<sup>th</sup> we have only nine days of harvested data through January 29<sup>th</sup> fishing looks strong with 61,689MT. leaving 437,311MT of A season allocation to harvest 12% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The Mothership sector has yet to harvest so when the engage we may see harvest close 55,00-60,00MT per week.

The Pacific Cod fixed federal water Pot Cod fisheries had strong fishing and have closed. The sixty' foot over pot cod vessels harvested 6,906MT in 2.5 weeks they went 394MT over there A season allocation. The sixty' foot under pot cod vessels harvested 3,700MT they also went over their allocation fishing was incredibly good. The hook and line CPs also had good fishing and have harvested 3,900MT through January 29<sup>th</sup> the trawl fleet has only fished two days and is just getting started have harvested 740MT. The overall Pacific Cod allocation is at 147,180MT the harvest through January 29, 2022, is in at 16,079MT leaving 131,101MT to harvest. The State water sixty' under fleet for the first week of the fishery saw fourteen landings from twenty-five vessels for 811,000lbs leaving 36.2 million pounds still to harvest 2% of the harvest has been completed.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fleet they are just getting started, with a harvest of 10,040MT (22.2million pounds) for the first nine days of the season. Much of the harvest has been Yellowfin Sole 6,244MT followed by Atka Mackerel 1,532MT.

The Snow crab fishery has also picked up the harvested is at 2.3 million Through this morning the fleet has made sixty landings 2.35 million pounds leaving 3.1 million pounds to harvest 42% 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 250,000lbs. left to harvest, the remaining 2.8 million pounds is southern region crab that

will be delivered to Unalaska, Akutan and King Cove. The season should be completed in 2-3 weeks depending on weather and ice conditions on the grounds.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 1-29-2022 was 65,403MT (144.1 million pounds) with much of the harvest 53,000MT was Pollock, (one hundred seventeen million pounds). The season totals are 88,859MMT (195 million pounds) harvested leaving 1,655,824MMT (3.6 billion pounds) 5% of the overall annual harvest of 1.744MMT (3.8 billion pounds) has been harvested.

**Pollock:** The Pollock A season open on January 20<sup>th</sup> we have only nine days of harvested data for this week and will have a full week of reports on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The total catch so far this is A season 61,689MT (135Million pounds) leaving 437,311MT (986 million pounds) to harvest 12% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 19,937MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT leaving 189,082MT of A season harvest, with 12% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 5% of the seasonal harvest.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 24,158MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the harvest stands at 26,278MT leaving 144,794MT of the A season allocation to harvest 15% of a season allocation has been taken and 7% 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 9,378MT the seasonal harvest is 10,651MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 10,651MT having been harvested, leaving 39,344MT of the A season to harvest 21% of the A season allocation has been taken and 10% of the annual allocation.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** last week harvest was 713MT for the season 1,021MT leaving 48,479MT to harvest 2% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** there was 746 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 2% leaving 44,954 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish 2% of the cap amount has been taken. Chum salmon, the season total as of 1-29-22 is zero

**Pacific Cod:** Pacific Cod has slowed down with the closer of two of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through 1-29-22 was 16,079MT (35.4 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. Last week's harvest 3,338MT (7.3million pounds) The major activity last week was in the Freezer longline, trawl, and pot cod sectors. Leaving 131,101MT to harvest 10% of the allocation has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 544MT last week for the season 3,773MT leaving -27MT cod allocation to harvest, -101% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**C/P Pot CPs** 148MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 267MT. The A season remaining allocation is 754MT 26% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Pot 60'>:** harvested 0MT 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 1,713MT last week for the season 3,908MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 29,256MT to harvest 12% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 332MT last week for the season 521MT from an allocation of 15,877MT leaving 15,356MT 4% 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 613MT harvested last week with 299MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 240MT and CV sector 74MT A season harvest stands at 703 MT leaving 37,042MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 0.018% 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.

**State Water Pot Cod <60' Under:** the first week of the fishery saw 14 landing from 25 vessels for 811,000lbs leaving 36.2 million pounds still to harvest 2% of the harvest has been completed.

### **Amendment 80 Fisheries:**

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, January 29,2022 fishing continues to be slow last week. Fishing activity is just getting underway Bering Sea and in the Aleutian Islands. The total harvest stands 10,040MT (22.2 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The harvest last week was 7,9834MT (17.5 million pounds) increased by 7,984MT from the previous week. The seasonal harvest totals by

species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 6,244MT, Rock Sole, 116MT Alaska Plaice, 404MT, Flathead Sole 231MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 39MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4MT other Flatfish 11MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 153MT Atka Mackerel 1,532MT Octopus, 38MT Skate 1,265MT Greenland Turbot, 0MT and Sablefish Trawl 3MT

### **Opilio Snow Crab 2-7-2022**

The past week we saw finally saw some meaning full deliveries, the fleet of about twenty-five vessels have been dealing with terrible weather, icings conditions and ice flows on the grounds. Through this morning the fleet has made sixty landings 2.35 million pounds leaving 3.1 million pounds to harvest 42% 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 250,000lbs. the remaining 2.8 million pounds is southern region crab that will be delivered to Unalaska, Akutan and King Cove. The season should be completed in 2-3 weeks depending on weather and ice conditions on the grounds.

### **Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 2-7-2022**

Fishing continues to be slow in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands. There have twenty landings for 201,000 lbs. leaving 780,000lbs. to harvest 19% 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 2-7-2022**

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 24 landing an estimated 1.3 million pounds harvested leaving 900,000lbs to harvest 59% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 76 for 4.91 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 990,000 million pounds to harvest 83% of the harvest is completed. There was one landing from the Eastern region last week.

Regards

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Attachments

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