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**To:** Erin Reinders, City Manager, JR Pierson, Asst. Manager, Jim Sharpe, and Michelle Price

**From:** Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

**Subject:** Fishery Update for 3-14-2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 3-5-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 3-14-22.**

**Fishing Seasons Information:**

I have enclosed with this memo in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting agenda and schedule for the April. The Council is planning to meet in person for the first time in almost two years, the meeting is also going to be streamed online in Anchorage April 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2022. This meeting is not a very heavy agenda for interests of Unalaska, there is the Bristol Bay Red King Crab information paper on the Biology and Gear Impact, the Bering Sea Ecosystem Plan the committee will be giving and update and progress report, and Individual Fishery Quota Omnibus Amendments up for final action at this meeting. I may attend this meeting for a few days during when the main Council is meeting.

**Pollock A season:** The week ending on March 5<sup>th</sup> fishing continues to be strong, for Pollock for the week the harvest was 57,958MT for the season 350,015MT (in pounds 771million) leaving 127,738MT of A season allocation to harvest, 78% of the A season allocation has been harvested. If fishing continues at his rate the Pollock A season should 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:** the harvest through March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 5,336MT (11.7 million pounds). The A season harvest is at 48,910MT (in pounds one hundred-seven million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT leaving 98,207MT to harvest (in pounds 216 million) 33% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** harvested 1,896MT last week for the season 13,908MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 19,256MT to harvest 42% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> last week of 6,526MT harvested last week with 1,136MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea Processors 222MT and CV sector 5,164MT A season harvest stands at 23,491MT leaving 13,383MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 62% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

**State Water Pot Cod <60' Under:** the sixty' foot under pot vessels through March 14, 2022, fishing has been improving, the fishery is at 262 landings from twenty-five vessels for 17.4million pounds leaving 19.7 million pounds still to harvest 47% of the harvest has been completed.

**Amendment eighty sector:** for the week ending on, March 5, 2022, fishing is slowed last week harvest came in at 10,179MT (22.4 million pounds) 2,000MT increase over last week's harvest. I assume the increase was due to catcher processors having finished there intown in offloads. The total harvest stands 56,719MT (125 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest.

**Snow Crab Fishery:** through March 14<sup>th</sup> 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-forty landings for 4.07 million pounds leaving 1.52 million pounds to harvest 74% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according to ADFG is between 130-140 crab; live weight average is particularly good at 1.3 lbs. large crab.

**Bairdi Tanner Crab fishery:** though March 14<sup>th</sup> fishing has picked up the past two weeks in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands is about done, and the fishery closes by regulation on March 31,2022. With ninety-four landings completed for 1.03 million pounds, leaving 67,000lbs. to harvest 93% of the allocation has been harvested. There are only two vessels still fishing the Tanner Crab allocation.

**Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery:** through March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28 landings an estimated 1.6 million pounds harvested leaving 600,000lbs to harvest 72% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 80 for 5.35 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 600,000 million pounds to harvest 90% of the harvest is completed. There were two landings from the Western District last week.

**Halibut IFQ 3-14-2022**This fishery has been open eight days there have been sixty-nine landings as of this morning for 319,312 lbs. leaving 19.9 million to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 2% of the allocation has been harvested. Port of

landings of Halibut Sitka leads the way with 61,606lbs. No Halibut CDQ activity yet. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$7.00-\$8.00 per pound with much the fish going to the fresh market.

**Sablefish IFQ 3-14-2022** this fishery has been open eight days there have been fifty landings as of this morning for 1.06 million lbs. leaving fifty-five .3 million to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 2% of the allocation has been harvested. Port of landings of Sablefish Sitka leads the way with 762,501lbs. Prices for Sablefish at the start \$4.00 to \$7.00 per pound depending on size of fish.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest:** The A season catch as of 3-5-2022 was 74,176MT (163.4 million pounds) a 2,600MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, with much of the harvest 57,958MT was Pollock, (one hundred twenty-seven million pounds). The season totals are 468,906MT harvested (one hundred twenty-six million pounds) leaving 1,384,324MMT (3.0 billion pounds) to harvest 25% 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 March 5<sup>th</sup> we had a harvest of 57,958MT (127 million pounds) this week showing the A season harvest at 350,015MT (771 million pounds) leaving 127,738MT (281 million pounds) to harvest, 78% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 22,756MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT 135,608MT has been harvested leaving 78,232MT of A season to harvest, with 63% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 29% of the seasonal harvest.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 25,334MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the A season harvest stands at 138,830MT leaving 32,242MT of the A season allocation to harvest, 81% of the A season allocation has been taken and 37% of the seasonal allocation.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 6,547MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the A season harvest allocation is 42,768MT the A season harvest is at 26,219MT leaving 16,549MT of A season allocation to harvest 61% of the A season allocation has been harvested, and 28% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** harvested last week was 3,321MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 49,358MT having been harvested, leaving 637MT of the A season to harvest 99% of the A season allocation has been taken and 44% of the annual allocation.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** last week harvest was 925MT for the season 8,453MT leaving 41,047MT to harvest 17% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** the bycatch total through 3-5-22 is 3,737 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 8% leaving 41,963 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is forty-eight fish.

**Pacific Cod:** Pacific Cod has slowed down with the closer of two of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through March 5, 2022, was 5,336MT (11.7 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The A season harvest is at 48,910MT (in pounds one hundred-seven million pounds) leaving 98,207MT to harvest (in pounds 216 million) 33% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**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** 186MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 754MT. The A season remaining allocation is 267MT 74% 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 486MT last week for the season 2,386MT from an allocation of 15,877MT leaving 13,492MT 15% 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.

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Attachments

- 1.Harvest Data
- 2.NPFMC April Meeting Agenda/Schedule