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**Subject:** Fishery Update for 4-11-2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 4-2-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 4-11-22.**

**Fishing Seasons Information:**

The Pollock fishery should be wrapped up in a week, there is only 13,000MT left to harvest of that 11,718MT is on the shoreside sector mostly Trident allocation; 97% of the Pollock A season is complete. Pacific Cod is also slowing down, but the trawl cod fishery B season reopened for 2,000MT last week, which may last a week. The only pot cod fishery ongoing is the State Water 60< under fishery that still has 8.2 million pounds to harvest, and the freezer longline CPs still have 17,500MT of A season cod to harvest so they will be going into June of July. The A season Cod harvest is at 69,195MT (152 million pounds) leaving 77,673MT to harvest (in pounds 171 million) 47% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl sector has enough allocation to fish all year unless they run into bycatch limits on Halibut and Crab this sector has harvested 91,000MT in pounds two hundred million pounds. The Crab fisheries are also wrapping up as well the Snow crab fishery still has 1.2 million pounds to harvest but only 4-5 vessels fishing, they still have ice and weather problems, on the grounds total harvest is 4.27 million pounds. The Golden King Crab fishery has 450,000lbs left to harvest in the Western district. Total Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.5 million pounds. The Tanner Crab fishery harvested a little over 1.0 million pounds and closed on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Halibut and Sablefish I FQ fisheries are going slow, a month into the season Halibut has a harvest of 1.1 million pounds leaving 19 million pounds to harvest, Sablefish is at 4.6 million harvested leaving 51.3 million pounds to harvest. Landings in Unalaska for IFQ and CDQ species are still confidential currently.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 4-2-2022:** the A season harvest last week was 29,399MT (64 million pounds) a 10,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock, Cod fisheries wrapping up. Much of the harvest last week 12,303MT was Pollock, (27.1 million pounds) The season totals are 645,777MT harvested (1.42 billion

pounds) leaving 1,207,453MMT (2.66 billion pounds) to harvest 35% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds).

**Pollock: 4-2-2022:** the Pollock A season open on January 20<sup>th</sup> for the week ending on April 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a harvest of 12,303MT (27 million pounds) putting the A season harvest at 463,861MT (1.02 billion pounds) leaving 13,814MT (30 million pounds) to harvest, 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The season should be wrapped up in the next 5-7 days. The onshore sector has much of the allocation to harvest 11,877MT (mostly Trident). 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 will be figured in at the end of the season.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 11,877MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT 202,122MT has been harvested leaving 11,718MT of A season to harvest, with 95% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 43% of the seasonal harvest.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the A season harvest stands at 170,418MT leaving 654MT of the A season allocation to harvest, 100% of the A season allocation has been taken and 48% of the seasonal allocation.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 426MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the A season harvest allocation is 42,768MT the A season harvest is at 41,475MT leaving 1,293MT of A season allocation to harvest 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested, and 44% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 49,844MT having been harvested, leaving 151MT of the A season to harvest 100% of the A season allocation has been taken and 45% of the annual allocation.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** last week harvest was 2,933MT for the season 17,035MT leaving 32,465MT to harvest 34% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** the bycatch total through 3-26-22 is 5,014 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 11% leaving 40,686 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is sixty-three fish.

**Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod 4-2-2022:** Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through April 2, 2022, was 5,109MT (11 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The A season harvest is at 69,195MT (152 million pounds) leaving 77,673MT to harvest (in pounds 171 million) 47% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,808MT last week for the season 21,564MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 11,599MT to harvest 63.5% of the A season allocation has been harvested

**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 through April 2,2022 last week of 2,934MT harvested last week with 805MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 13MT and CV sector 2,116MT A season harvest stands at 31,737MT leaving 6,488MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 84% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 10MT last week for the season 3,971MT leaving -254MT cod allocation to harvest, -107% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**C/P Pot CPs** 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 1,070MT. The A season remaining allocation is 933MT 53% 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.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 357MT last week for the season 3,236MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 12,842MT 22% of the CDQ 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 4-11-2022:** the sixty' foot under pot vessels through March 28, 2022, fishing has been improving, the fishery is at 449 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 28.9 million pounds leaving 8.2 million pounds still to harvest 78% of the harvest of 37.19 million pounds has been completed.

**Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 4-2-2022:** The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, March 26, 2022, fishing increased slightly last week, harvest came in at 4,999MT (11 million pounds) 5,000MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 91,373MT (201million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 46,310MT, Rock Sole 10,263MT Alaska Plaice, 4,453MT, Flathead Sole 6,833MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 232MT, Kamchatka Flounder 58MT other Flatfish 833MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 2,322MT Atka Mackerel 10,511MT Octopus,155MT Skate 9,272MT Greenland Turbot, 9MT and Sablefish Trawl 121MT.

### **Opilio Snow Crab 4-11-2022**

The Snow crab fishery continues to be awfully slow, due to ice and severe weather on the grounds; there are only five vessels still fishing due to leasing quota on multiple boats to be harvested. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-fifty-four landings for 4.27 million pounds leaving 1.32 million pounds to harvest 77.6% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according is between 100-120 crab; live weight average is particularly good at 1.2 lbs. large crab.

### **State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 4-11-2022**

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 -4,788lbs. over the allocation. The Western District is at 33 landings an estimated 1.85 million pounds harvested leaving 450,000lbs to harvest 79% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 80 for 5.6 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 470,000 lbs. to harvest 94% of the harvest is completed. There were two landings from the Western District last week.

### **Halibut IFQ 4-11-2022**

There have been 248 landings as of this morning for 1.13 million pounds leaving 19.16 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 6% of the allocation has been harvested only 230,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 170,601lbs. followed by Sitka 121,976 lbs. No Halibut CDQ activity yet. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$7.00-\$8.00 per pound depending on fish size with much the fish still going to the fresh market.

### **Sablefish IFQ 4-11-2022**

This fishery has had 197 landings as of this morning for 4.65 million lbs. leaving 51.3 million lbs. to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 9.5% of the allocation has been harvested, last week harvest came in at 2.3 million pounds. Port of landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 1.53 million pounds landed followed by Seward at 696,030lbs. Prices for Sablefish at the start of the season are in the \$5.00 to \$6.00 per pound based on size.

Regards

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Attachments

- 1.Harvest Data Reports
- 2.NOAA Reports

