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**Subject:** Fishery Update for 4-18-2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 4-9-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 4-18-22.**

**Fishing Seasons Information:**

We are now firmly in the slow period for shoreside processing operations until June 10<sup>th</sup> Pollock B season start. We will continue to see some lesser amounts crab, cod and Sablefish, and Halibut landings. The offshore Amendment 80 bottom trawl and freezer longline cod catcher processors will continue to offload finish product and refuel and resupply during this slow period in the Port of Dutch Harbor.

The Pollock fishery should be wrap up this week, there is only 5,555MT left to harvest of that 3,459MT is on the shoreside sector mostly Trident allocation; 99% of the Pollock A season is complete. Unharvested A season Pollock does rollover to the Pollock B season allocation. 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 5.2 million pounds to harvest, and the freezer longline CPs still have 9,700MT of A season cod to harvest so they will be going into June of July. The A season Cod harvest is at 72,250MT (159 million pounds) leaving 74,618MT to harvest (in pounds 164 million) 48% 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 104,000MT in pounds two twenty-nine 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. Halibut and Sablefish IFQ fisheries are going slow, a month into the season Halibut has a harvest of 1.6 million pounds leaving 18.6 million pounds to harvest, Sablefish is at 6.7 million harvested leaving 49.6 million pounds to harvest. Landings of IFQ species in Unalaska and CDQ species are still confidential currently.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 4-9-2022:** the A season harvest last week was 22,807MT (50 million pounds) a 7,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock, Cod fisheries wrapping up. Much of the harvest last week 8,250MT was Pollock, (eighteen million pounds) The season totals are 668,552MT harvested (1.47 billion pounds) leaving 1,184,678MMT (2.61 billion pounds) to harvest 36% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds).

**Pollock: 4-9-2022:** last week we had a harvest of 8,250MT (18 million pounds) putting the A season harvest at 472,121MT (1.04 billion pounds) leaving 5,555MT (12.2 million pounds) to harvest, 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The season should be wrapped up in the next 5 days. The onshore sector has much of the allocation to harvest 3,450MT (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. The amount of A season allocation not harvested will rollover to Pollock B season allocation.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 8,250MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT the A season harvest is 210,381MT leaving 3,459MT of A season to harvest, with 98% of the A allocation having been harvested; 44% of the seasonal harvest has been completed. The A season should be finished next week.

**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 0MT 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. The unharvested amount will rollover to the Pollock B season allocation.

**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 2,551MT for the season 19,608MT leaving 29,899MT to harvest 40% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** the bycatch total through 4-9-22 is 5,174Chinook salmon taken as bycatch. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 11% leaving 40,526 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is sixty-five fish.

**Pacific Cod: 4-9-2022:** Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries completed. The harvest through April 2, 2022, was 3,055MT (6.7 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The A season harvest is at 72,250MT (159 million pounds) leaving 74,618MT to harvest (in pounds 164 million) 49% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,827MT last week for the season 23,391MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 9,773MT to harvest 71% 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 9, 2022, last week 724MT harvested last week with 597MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 44MT and CV sector 83MT A season harvest stands at 32,461MT leaving 5,764MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 86% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 0MT 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 504MT last week for the season 3,740MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 12,338MT 25% 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 4-18-2022:** the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing has been improving just over three million pounds were landed last week the fleet in now down to 22 vessels from the season high of 29.The fishery is at 487 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 31.6 million pounds leaving 5.6 million pounds still to harvest 85% of the harvest of 37.19 million pounds has been completed.

**Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 4-9-2022:** The Amendment 80 sector saw fishing increased last week, harvest came in at 12,718 MT (twenty-eight million pounds) 7,700MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 104,091MT (229 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest.

The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 54,098MT, Rock Sole 10,919MT Alaska Plaice, 4,679MT, Flathead Sole 7,610MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 262MT, Kamchatka Flounder 65MT other Flatfish 848MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 2,778MT Atka Mackerel 12,788MT Octopus, 141MT Skate 9,760MT Greenland Turbot, 9MT and Sablefish Trawl 134MT.

### **Opilio Snow Crab 4-18-2022**

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. There was no landing made last week. 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 4-18-2022**

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 no landings from the Western District last week.

### **Halibut IFQ 4-18-2022**

There have been 248 landings as of this morning for 1.6 million pounds leaving 18.6 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 8% of the allocation has been harvested 300,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 280,878lbs. followed by Seward 183,781lbs. There has been no Halibut CDQ and landings to Unalaska are still confidential. 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 4-18-2022**

This fishery has had 308 landings as of this morning for 6.77 million lbs. leaving 49.6million lbs. to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 12% of the allocation has been harvested, last week harvest came in at 2.15 million pounds fishing continues to be strong in most areas. It should be noted that the use of pots is increasing in the Sablefish fishery leading to more stable landings each week and less Killer Whale predation. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 2.1 million pounds landed followed by Seward at 1.04 million pounds. Landings to Unalaska have been made but landings amount is still confidential. 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

