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Subject: Fishery Update for 5-23-2022

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 5-14-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 5-23-22.

Unalaska fishing activity continues in the slow period of fishing activity we have another month before of the shore-based plants will begin Pollock B. season processing operations. A lot of the factory trawlers and Motherships are doing Hake off the Washington /Oregon Coast so most of the time they arrived in later in June to start harvesting Pollock. Sablefish and Halibut landing will be increasing soon, and Dungeness Crab fishing opened in the North Peninsula on May 1st with seven boats fished last season, but ADFG is expecting a significant increase in effort to at least fifteen crabbers. This due the collapse of the Bristol Bay Red King Crab and Snow Crab fisheries. We will continue during this slow period to have the Amendment 80 bottom trawlers and Cod freezer longliners doing off loads in the community. The Pollock A season is 99.1% of the allocation has been completed, there were no landing of Pollock for the last two weeks. The Pollock B season allocation is set at 598,000MT of that the CV shoreside allocation is set at 262,000MT of that amount 166,000MT is the allocation for Unalaska shorebased plants in pounds (365,000 million pounds). Occasionally with some A season allocation available some catcher vessels will start fishing operations a week ahead of time, to scope out the location of Pollock stocks before the start of the B season which is perfectly legal if they have A season quota shares available. The A season does not close until June 10th at noon and reopens at noon as the Pollock B season.

Fishing Seasons Information: The Pollock fishery is wrapped up, last week the shoreside CV harvested 0MT leaving 4,738MT (10.4 million pounds) unharvested from all sectors, the A season harvest stands at 472,937MT (1.04 billion pounds) 99.1% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The shoreside sector 2,643MT is unharvested mostly Tridents. The A season Pollock harvest that is unharvested by each sector rollovers to the Pollock B season.

Pacific Cod is also slowing down, but the trawl cod fishery B season reopened for 2,000MT last week, which may last a week through May 16, 2022, was 1,519MT 3.5 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 86,158MT (189 million pounds) leaving 67,571MT to harvest (in pounds 148.9 million) including CDQ 58.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, May 14th fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 6,246MT (13.7 million pounds) 1,900MT a decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 146,211MT (322 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest.

The Crab fisheries are also wrapping up as well the Snow crab fishery still has 186,000lbs. to harvest with only five vessels fishing, they were waiting for ice to retreat, total harvest is 5.4 million pounds. The Golden King Crab fishery has 297,000lbs left to harvest in the Western district. Total Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.7 million pounds.

Halibut and Sablefish IFQ fisheries are starting to pick up, Halibut there have been 835 landings as of this morning for 4.01 million pounds leaving 16.2 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 20.2% of the allocation has been harvested 600,000lbs were landed last week. Sablefish this fishery has had 769 landings as of this morning for 15.5 million lbs. leaving 40.8 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 25% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.6 million pounds fishing continues to be strong in most areas Landings in Unalaska for IFQ and CDQ species are still confidential until three buyers purchase product. The State Water Sablefish fishery is awfully slow twenty-three landing for 256,000lbs. leaving 1.035 million pounds to harvest.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 5-14-2022: the A season harvest last week was 10,556MT (24.7 million pounds) a 1,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock, Cod fisheries A season harvests wrapping up. Much of the harvest last week was Flatfish 4,661MT (10.2 million pounds) The season totals are 729,237MT harvested (1.60 billion pounds) leaving 1,123,993MMT (2.47 billion pounds) to harvest; 39% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 5-14-2022: the Pollock A season open on January 20th for last week to -weeks we had no harvest, putting the A season harvest at 472,937MT (1.042 billion pounds) leaving 4,738MT (10.4 million pounds) to harvest, 99.2% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the allocation left to harvest 2,643MT (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 A season harvest that is unharvested each sector rollovers to the Pollock B season.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 0MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT the A season harvest is 211,197MT leaving 2,643MT of A season to harvest, with 99% of the A allocation having been harvested; 44% of the seasonal harvest has been completed. The A season harvest that is unharvested rollovers to the Pollock B season.

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 441MT for the season 23,158MT leaving 26,342MT to harvest 47% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 5-14-22 is 5,184 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 11% leaving 40,529 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is sixty-seven fish.

Pacific Cod: 5-14-2022: Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through May 16, 2022, was 1,519MT (3.5 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 86,158MT (189 million pounds) leaving 67,571MT to harvest (in pounds 148.9 million) including CDQ 58.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 991MT last week for the season 30,062MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 3,102MT to harvest 91% 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 May 16, 2022, last week of 306MT harvested last week with 272MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 33MT and CV sector 1MT A season harvest stands at 35,323MT leaving 2,457MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 94.5% 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 222MT last week for the season 4,480MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 11,456MT 32% 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 5-23-2022: the sixty’ foot under pot vessels fishing has been improving just over two million pounds were landed last week the fleet in now down to 2 vessels from the season high of 29. The fishery is at 543 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 34.8 million pounds leaving 2.33 million pounds still to harvest 94% of the harvest of 37.19 million pounds has been completed. ADFG states there is no one fishing currently with no landings last week.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 5-14-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, May 7th fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 6,246MT (13.7 million pounds) 1,900MT a slight decrease over last week’s harvest. The total harvest stands 146,211MT (322 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 72,729MT, Rock Sole 14,267MT Alaska Plaice, 6,356MT, Flathead Sole 7,944MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 902MT, Kamchatka Flounder 908MT other Flatfish 1,030MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 6,417MT Atka Mackerel 22,219MT Octopus, 157MT Skate 12,839MT Greenland Turbot, 103MT and Sablefish Trawl 340MT.

Opilio Snow Crab 5-23-2022:

The Snow crab fishery had their first landings for the first time in a month due to ice on the grounds. The five vessels back fishing just left Unalaska 20 days and are on grounds. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-seventy-nine landings for 5.4 million pounds leaving 186,593lbs. to harvest 97% of the allocation has been harvested. There were four small landings 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 5-23-2022:

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 39 landings an estimated 2.04 million pounds harvested leaving 297,100lbs to harvest 88% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 91 for 5.72 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is

5.9 million pounds leaving 297,100 lbs. to harvest 96% of the harvest is completed. There were no landings made from the Western District last week.

Dungeness Crab 5-23-2022: Fishery open on May 1st with two vessels registered to Crab landings made yet but are being held in confidential until three buyers purchase crab. ADFG is expecting at 15 vessels to fish this season last year only seven have registered.

Halibut IFQ 5-23-2022:

There have been 835 landings as of this morning for 4.01 million pounds leaving 16.2 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 20.2% of the allocation has been harvested 600,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut Seward leads the way with 628,145lbs. followed by Homer 559,509lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, and IFQ landings to Unalaska, but they are still in the confidential category. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$7.00-\$7.50 per pound depending on fish size with much the fish still going to the fresh market.

Sablefish IFQ 5-23-2022:

This fishery has had 769 landings as of this morning for 15.5 million lbs. leaving 40.8 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 25% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.6 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 in the BSAI and in the Gulf of Alaska leading to more stable landings each week, and less Killer Whale predation. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 3.65 million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 2.49 million pounds. Landing 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.

Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 5-23-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nine vessels registered to fish and they have made twenty-two landing for 256,122lbs so far leaving 1.035 million pounds to harvest 20% of the allocation is harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1.Harvest Data Reports

