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Subject: Fishery Update for 5-30-2022

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 5-21-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 5-30-22.

Unalaska fishing activity continues in the slow period, for a couple of more weeks. We are starting to see the arrival of processors and harvesters, the shore-based plants will begin Pollock B. season processing operations on June 10th. Fog events have led to many flight cancelations during the past week leading to more small charter flights being used. 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 landings will be increasing the last few weeks. Dungeness Crab fishing opened in the North Peninsula on May 1st so far just a few small landings have been made. 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 we still have 4,700MT unharvested which will rollover to the Pollock B season.. 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).

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. We could have some Pollock harvest on the unused A season Pollock harvest by a few catcher vessels before the Pollock B season harvest begins.

Pacific Cod has slowed down, with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through May 21, 2022, was 751MT 1.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season

harvest is at 86,909MT (191million pounds) leaving 66,820MT to harvest (in pounds 147.2 million) including CDQ, 58.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, May 21st fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 10,936MT (24.1 million pounds) 4,500MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 157,147MT (346 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest

The Crab fisheries are also wrapping up as well the Snow crab fishery still has 105,000lbs. to harvest with only two vessels fishing. The Snow Crab fishery closes by regulation on May 31st. The total harvest is 5.4 million pounds. The Golden King Crab fishery has 187,000lbs left to harvest in the Western district. Total Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.77 million pounds.

Halibut and Sablefish IFQ fisheries are starting to pick up, Halibut 957 landings as of this morning for 4.67 million pounds leaving 15.6 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 23% of the allocation has been harvested just over 500,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 695,088lbs. followed by Seward 680,157 lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, and IFQ landings to Unalaska, but they are still in the confidential category.

Sablefish has seen 859 landings as of this morning for 17.4 million lbs. leaving 38.9 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 31% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.69 million pounds fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 3.9 million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 2.77 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.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 5-21-2022: the A season harvest last week was 10,454MT (23 million pounds) a 500MT 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 7,361MT (16.2 million pounds) The season totals are 732,831MT harvested (1.61 billion pounds) leaving 1,120,281MMT (2.46 billion pounds) to harvest; 40% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 5-21-2022: 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 101MT for the season 23,260MT leaving 26,240MT to harvest 47% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 5-21-22 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 67 fish.

Pacific Cod: 5-21-2022: Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through May 21, 2022, was 751MT (1.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 86,909MT (191million pounds) leaving 66,820MT to harvest (in pounds 147.2 million) including CDQ 58.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 287MT last week for the season 30,350MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 2,815MT to harvest 92% 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 21, 2022, last week of 103MT harvested last week with 89MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 12MT and CV sector 2MT A season harvest stands at 35,426MT

leaving 2,354MT 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 361MT last week for the season 4,841MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 11,095MT 35% 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 5-30-2022: the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there have been no landings for two weeks the fishery is still open. 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 5-21-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, May 21st fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 10,936MT (24.1 million pounds) 4,500MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 157,147MT (346 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 78,133MT, Rock Sole 14,396MT Alaska Plaice, 6,380MT, Flathead Sole 8,003MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 1,208MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1,414MT other Flatfish 1,052MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 7,469MT Atka Mackerel 25,206MT Octopus, 157MT Skate 13,158MT Greenland Turbot, 158MT and Sablefish Trawl 413MT.

Opilio Snow Crab 5-30-2022:

The Snow crab fishery there are two vessels fishing. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-eighty landings for 5.4 million pounds leaving 105,606lbs. to harvest 98% of the allocation has been harvested. There were three 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. The season closes by regulation on May 31st at noon.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 5-30-2022:

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 42 landings an estimated 2.15 million pounds harvested leaving 189,100lbs to harvest 98% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 94 for 5.78 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 189,100 lbs. to harvest 98% of the harvest is completed. There were three small landings made from the Western District last week.

Dungeness Crab 5-30-2022: Fishery open on May 1st with three vessels registered to fish, so far four landings for 2,542 lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered.

Halibut IFQ 5-30-2022:

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Sablefish IFQ 5-30-2022:

This fishery has had 859 landings as of this morning for 17.4 million lbs. leaving 38.9 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 31% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.69 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 3.9 million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 2.77 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.

Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 5-30-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nine vessels registered to fish and they have made twenty-two landing for 366,048lbs so far leaving 925,962lbs. to harvest 28% of the allocation is harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1.Harvest Data Reports

