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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo and Harvest Data

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 6-4-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 6-13-22.**

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday at noon. I have talked to some of the local plant managers, and they report that first few days of fishing is not too bad, fish is medium size 500-gram fish so far, with low salmon bycatch which is positive. We are continuing to see the arrival of processors and harvesters, a lot of the factory trawlers and Motherships have not arrived, yet they have been finishing 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 have been increasing the last few weeks. Dungeness Crab fishing opened in the North Peninsula on May 1<sup>st</sup> so far just a few small landings have been made. We continue having the Amendment 80 bottom trawlers and Cod freezer longliners doing off loads in the community. 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) putting the ex-vessel value at \$0.14 per pound at \$51 million dollars

**Fishing Seasons Information:** The Pollock fishery is wrapped up, but last week the CDQ sector CV harvested 68MT of Pollock leaving 4,679MT (10.3 million pounds) unharvested from all sectors, the A season harvest stands at 473,188MT (1.042 billion pounds) 99.3% 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. Pollock B season open at noon on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 731MT 1.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 88,415MT (194.8 million pounds) leaving 65,314MT to harvest (in pounds 143.59 million) including CDQ 61.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, June 4<sup>th</sup> fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 8,487MT (18.7 million pounds) 1,200MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 172,956MT (381 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest.

The Crab fisheries are also wrapping up as well the Snow crab fishery still has 51,762lbs. unharvested. The Snow Crab fishery closes by regulation on May 31<sup>st</sup> the total harvest is 5.49 million pounds 99% of the harvest was completed. The Golden King Crab fishery has 100,000lbs left unharvested in the Western district that fishery is now closed. Total Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.8 million pounds.

Halibut, there have been 1,144 landings as of this morning for 5.82 million pounds leaving 14.4 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 28% of the allocation has been harvested just over 400,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 885,448lbs. followed by Seward 821,129 lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, eighteen landings for 45,101lbs leaving 1,166,899lbs to harvest. There have been IFQ landings to Unalaska, but they are still in the confidential category. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$6.50-\$7.00 per pound depending on fish size with much of the fish still going to the fresh

Sablefish, this fishery has had 970 landings as of this morning for 19.8 million lbs. leaving 36.5 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 35% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.0 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 4.14million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.08 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.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-4-2022:** the A season harvest last week was 8,753MT (19 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 6,000MT (13.2 million pounds) The season totals are 757,768MT harvested (1.67billion pounds) leaving 1,095,344MMT (2.41 billion pounds) to harvest; 41% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

**Pollock: 6-4-2022:** the Pollock A season open on January 20<sup>th</sup> for last week we had a harvest 68MT, putting the A season harvest at 473,188MT (1.042 billion pounds) leaving 4,679MT (10.29 million pounds) to harvest, 99.5% 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 68MT 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 68MT for the season 23,365MT leaving 26,135MT to harvest 47% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** The bycatch total through 6-4-22 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 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is sixty-seven fish.

**Pacific Cod: 6-4-2022:** Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 731MT (1.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 88,415MT (194.8 million pounds) leaving 65,314MT to harvest (in pounds 143.59 million) including CDQ 61.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 430MT last week for the season 31,098MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 2,065MT to harvest 94% 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

June 4, 2022, last week of 90MT harvested last week with 80MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 2MT and CV sector 8MT A season harvest stands at 35,665MT leaving 2,126MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 96.0% 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 211MT last week for the season 6,099MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,979MT 38% 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 6-13-2022:** 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 6-4-2022:** The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, June 4<sup>th</sup> fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 8,487MT (18.7 million pounds) 1,200MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 172,956MT (381 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 88,066MT, Rock Sole 14,824MT Alaska Plaice, 6,674MT, Flathead Sole 8,200MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 1,504MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1,918MT other Flatfish 1,436MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 8,791MT Atka Mackerel 26,952MT Octopus, 157MT Skate 13,649MT Greenland Turbot, 207MT and Sablefish Trawl 578MT.

**Opilio Snow Crab 6-13-2022:**

Through this morning the fleet has made 181 landings for 5.48 million pounds leaving 51,762lbs. to unharvested 99% of the allocation has been harvested. There was one small 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. The season closed by regulation on May 31<sup>st</sup> at noon.

**State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 6-13-2022:**

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 43 landings an estimated 2.2 million pounds harvested leaving 100,100lbs to unharvested 99% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 96 for 5.8 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 100,100 lbs. unharvested 99% of the harvest is completed. There was one small landing made from the Western District last week. The fishery is now closed and will reopen on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, for bother the Eastern and Western districts.

**Dungeness Crab 6-13-2022:** Fishery open on May 1<sup>st</sup> with three vessels registered to fish, so far ten landings for 18,132lbs. from the Alaska South Peninsula side the Bering Sea North Peninsula catch is still confidential. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered.

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**Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 6-13-2022:** This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nine vessels registered to fish and they have made twenty-nine landing for 429,249lbs so far leaving 862,751lbs. to harvest 33% of the allocation is harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Harvest Data / NOAA Reports

