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Subject: Fishery Update Memo and Harvest Data

### Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 6-11-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 6-20-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 583,825MT 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 B season open on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> last week, for a day and half the fleet harvested 9,421MT (20 million pounds) of Pollock the majority from the Catcher Vessel sector 8,974MT leaving 574,404MT of B season Pollock to harvest (1.26 billion pounds) from all sectors 0.01% of the allocation has been harvested. The A season final harvest stands at 473,188MT (1.242 billion pounds) 99.3% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 1,803MT 3.9 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 90,218MT (198.8 million pounds) leaving 63,511MT to harvest (in pounds 139.97 million) including CDQ 61.3% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 6-11-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, June 11<sup>th</sup> fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 5,823MT (12.8 million pounds) 2,800MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 178,779MT (394 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ.

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 100,130lbs left unharvested in the Western district that fishery is now closed. Total Golden King Crab harvest is at 5.8 million pounds 99% of the Golden King Crab was harvested.

Halibut, there have been 1,213 landings as of this morning for 6.2 million pounds leaving 14.1 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 30% of the allocation has been harvested just over 300,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 940,302lbs. followed by Seward 857,719 lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, twenty landings for 46,358lbs leaving 1,165,642lbs to harvest 4% of the allocation has been taken. IFQ landings to Unalaska, but they are still in the confidential category. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$6.00-\$6.50 per pound depending on fish size with much of the fish still going to the fresh market.

Sablefish, this fishery has had 1,022 landings as of this morning for 20.5 million lbs. leaving 35.8 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 36% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 700,000lbs. 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 4.24million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.2 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 of the fish 1/2 2/3-pound fish are in \$1.50-\$2.00 range.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-11-2022:** the B season harvest last week was 17,795MT (39 million pounds) a 10,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvests staring up. Much of the harvest last week was Flatfish 9,200MT (20 million pounds) The season totals are 775,603MT harvested (1.7billion pounds) leaving 1,077,509MMT (2.37 billion pounds) to harvest; 42% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

**Pollock: 6-11-2022**: the Pollock B season open on June 10<sup>th</sup> for last week we had a harvest 8,974MT, for 1 day of fishing, putting the B season harvest at 8,974MT (19.7 million pounds) leaving 578,864MT (1.27 billion pounds) to harvest, 0.05% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the allocation harvested last week 8,974MT.

**Inshore CV**: this sector harvested 8,974MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is 8,158MT leaving 253,202MT of B season to harvest, with 3% of the B allocation having been harvested; 46% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 220,421MT (485million pounds).

**At Sea Processors**: At Sea sector harvested 287MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 287MT leaving 209,452MT of the B season allocation to harvest, 0% of the A/B season harvest is at 170,708MT (376 million pounds) 45% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**Mothership Sector**: harvested last week was 0MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 0MT leaving 52,272MT of B season allocation to harvest 0% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 41,476MT (91.4 million pounds) 44% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** Harvested last week was 160MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 160MT having been harvested, leaving 60,943MT of the A season to harvest 0% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 50,004MT (110 million pounds) and 45% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** Last week harvest was 68MT for the season 23,585MT leaving 26,165MT to harvest 47% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch**: The bycatch total through 6-11-22 is 5,197 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 11% leaving 40,503 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is eighty-one fish.

**Pacific Cod: 6-11-2022:** Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was 1,803MT (397,381 lbs.) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 90,218MT (198.8 million pounds) leaving 63,511MT to harvest (in pounds 139.9 million) including CDQ 61.2% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,659MT last week for the season 32,758MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 1,136MT to harvest 97% 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 11, 2022, last week of 120MT harvested last week with 75MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 0MT and CV sector 45MT A season harvest stands at 35,785MT leaving 2,106MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 96.5% 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 2MT last week for the season 6,101MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,972MT 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 6-20-2022:** 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 currently fishing this allocation, with no landings last week.

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#### Opilio Snow Crab 6-20-2022:

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 6-20-2022:

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 100,131lbs to unharvested 94% of the harvest is complete. The total landings are at 96 for 5.87 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 100,131 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 both the Eastern and Western districts.

**Dungeness Crab 6-20-2022:** Fishery open on May 1<sup>st</sup> with three vessels registered to fish, so far eleven landings for 19,042lbs. 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 6-20-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nine vessels registered to fish and they have made thirtysix landing for 536,651lbs so far leaving 756,349lbs. to harvest 41% of the allocation is harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1.Groundfish Harvest Data 2.NOAA Reports