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Subject: Fishery Update Memo and Harvest Data

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 6-18-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 6-27-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10th 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 are just getting onto the Pollock grounds. Sablefish and Halibut landings have been 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 harvest data is confidential. 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 10th for the first two weeks of the season the fleet harvested 48,337MT (106 million pounds) the majority Pollock landings came from the Catcher Vessel sector 33,408MTMT leaving 539,976MT of B season Pollock to harvest (1.19 billion pounds) from all sectors 0.08% of the allocation has been harvested. The final A season harvest stands at 473,188MT (1.242 billion pounds) 99.3% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The A/B season harvest stands at 521,524MT (1.14 billion pounds) 49.5% of the seasonal Pollock allocation of 582,000MT.

Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 18th, 2022, was 2,829MT (6.2 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 93,047MT (205 million pounds) leaving 60,682MT to harvest (in pounds 133 million) including CDQ 63.2% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, June 18th fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 12,360MT (27 million pounds) 6,500MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 185,316MT (408 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 31st 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 1,274 landings as of this morning for 6.46 million pounds leaving 13.8 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 32% of the allocation has been harvested just over 600,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 972,139lbs. followed by Seward 894,186lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, eighteen landings for 47,890lbs leaving 1,164,110lbs 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 1,043 landings as of this morning for 20.8 million lbs. leaving 365 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 37% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 900,000lbs. 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 4.29million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.2 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 6-18-2022: the B season harvest last week was 48,597MT (107 million pounds) a 30,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvests starting up. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 38,000MT (83 million pounds) The season totals are 824,122MT harvested (1.8 billion pounds) leaving 1,028,990MMT (2.26 billion pounds) to harvest; 44% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 6-18-2022: the Pollock B season open on June 10th for last week we had a harvest 38,992MT, for 8 days of fishing, putting the B season harvest at 48,337MT (106 million pounds) leaving 539,976MT (1.19 billion pounds) to harvest, 0.08% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the allocation harvested last week 25,326MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 521,524MT (1.14 billion pounds) 49.5% of the seasonal Pollock allocation.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 25,326MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is 33,408MT leaving 229,529MT of B season to harvest, with 13% of the B allocation having been harvested; 52% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 245,671MT (541 million pounds).

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 7,082MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 7,370MT leaving 202,370MT of the B season allocation to harvest, 10% of the A/B season harvest is at 177,790MT (391 million pounds) 47% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 2,523MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 2,523MT leaving 51,041MT of B season allocation to harvest 7% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 43,999MT (96 million pounds) 46% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 4,061MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 4,420MT having been harvested, leaving 57,036MT of the B season to harvest 7% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 54,064MT (119 million pounds) and 49% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Last week harvest was 68MT for the season 23,864MT leaving 25,661MT to harvest 48% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 6-18-22 is 5,267 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 12% leaving 40,402 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 241 fish.

Pacific Cod: 6-18-2022: Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through June 18th, 2022, was 2,829MT (6.2 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 93,047MT (205 million pounds) leaving 60,682MT to harvest (in pounds 133million) including CDQ 63.2% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 2,518MT last week for the season 35,288MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 1,136MT to unharvest 97% of the A season allocation. The B season is 3,267MT leaving 29,739MT B season Cod to harvest.

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 18, 2022, last week of 283MT harvested last week with 212MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 4MT and CV sector 67MT A season harvest stands at 36,072MT leaving 1,823MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 96.5% of the A season harvest has been harvested. Leaving 14,573 of B/C trawl cod to harvest.

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 28MT last week for the season 6,129MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,944MT 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 6-27-2022: the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there have been no landings for three 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.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 6-18-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, June 18th fishing continues to be good, last week harvest was 12,360MT (27 million pounds) 6,000MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 185,316MT (408 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 91,576MT, Rock Sole 15,299MT Alaska Plaice, 6,753MT, Flathead Sole 8,868MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2,203MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,715MT other Flatfish 1,532MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 10,971MT Atka Mackerel 29,145MT Octopus, 157MT Skate 14,100MT Greenland Turbot, 344MT and Sablefish Trawl 844MT.

Opilio Snow Crab 6-27-2022:

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 31st at noon.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 6-27-2022:

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 1st, 2022, for both the Eastern and Western districts with and allocation 5.05 million pounds.

Dungeness Crab 6-27-2022: Fishery open on May 1st with three vessels registered to fish, so far seventeen landings for 36,152lbs. 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.

Halibut IFQ 6-27-2022:

There have been 1,326 landings as of this morning for 6.8 million pounds leaving 13.4 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 34% of the allocation has been harvested just over 600,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.02 million pounds. followed by Seward 958,026 lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, twenty-one landings for 47,890lbs leaving 1,164,110lbs 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 IFQ 6-27-2022:

This fishery has had 1,065 landings as of this morning for 21.1 million lbs. leaving 35.2 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 37% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 950,000lbs. 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 4.3million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.3 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.

Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 6-27-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nine vessels registered to fish and they have made forty-one landing for 565,328lbs so far leaving 638,672lbs. to harvest 49% of the allocation is harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Groundfish Harvest Data

