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Subject: Fishery Update for July 25th, 2022, Memo, and Harvest Data

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-16-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod and Sablefish 7-27-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10th at noon the first six weeks of the fishery have gone very well, with low salmon bycatch. Last week's harvest was the largest of the Pollock B season 61,000MT (134 million lbs.) If fishing continues to stay strong the Pollock B season could wrap up before the end of August, at a rate of 55,000MT per week there is only 5.5 left in the fishery the unharvested amount is 320,000MT (705 million pounds). 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

The allocation Sablefish and Halibut landings have been increasing the last few weeks, Halibut is at 8.4 million pounds leaving 11.8 million pounds to harvest, Sablefish is at twenty-four million pounds leaving thirty-two million pounds to harvest. Dungeness Crab fishing opened in the North Peninsula on May 1st so far just 450,000lbs have been harvested South Peninsula 146,000lbs harvested. We continue having the Amendment 80 bottom trawlers have been averaging 5,000 to 6,000MT per week of harvest and the Cod freezer longliners are averaging 1,600MT of Pacific Cod per week. Both sectors are still doing off loads in the community.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 7-16-2022: the B season harvest last week was 70,208MT (154 million pounds) a 7,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvest increasing. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 61,000MT (134 million pounds) The season totals are 1.07MMT harvested (2.3 billion pounds) leaving 776,700MT (1.71 billion pounds) to harvest; 58% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 7-16-2022: the Pollock B season open on June 10th for last week we had a harvest 61,862MT, for six weeks of fishing, the B season harvest at 267,406MT (589

million pounds) leaving 317,000MT (698 million pounds) to harvest, 46% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the B season allocation harvested to date 129,000MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 740,590MT (1.63 billion pounds) 70% of the seasonal Pollock allocation leaving 320,910MT to harvest in pounds (707million lbs.).

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 23,025MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 129,828MT leaving 133,053MT of B season to harvest, with 50% of the B allocation having been harvested; 72% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 342,147MT (754 million pounds).

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 27,805MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 101,346MT leaving 108,393MT of the B season allocation to harvest, 48% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 271,767MT (599 million pounds) 71% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 7,475MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 13,676MT leaving 31,884MT of B season allocation to harvest 41% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 63,156MT (139 million pounds) 66% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 3,557MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 13,676MT having been harvested, leaving 47,580MT of the B season to harvest 22% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 63,520MT (139 million pounds) and 57% 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 7-25-22 is 5,605 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 12% leaving 40,095 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 350 fish.

Pacific Cod: 7-25-2022: Pacific Cod fishery has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries and trawl harvest mostly bycatch with Pollock. The harvest through July 16th, 2022, was 1,907MT (4.2 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 98,236MT (216 million pounds) leaving 49,232MT to harvest (in pounds 108 million) including CDQ 66.6% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,619MT last week for the season 42,532MT from the A season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 22,495MT to harvest, 74% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod Trawl: This fishery will be opened on January 20,2022, with the A/B season allocation of 50,722MT the seasonal harvest for three sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 22,926MT Amendment 80 12,166MT At Sea fleet 2,097MT. We had a harvest through July 16, 2022, last week of 158MT harvested last week with 73MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 16MT and CV sector 67MT A/B season harvest stands at 37,189MT leaving 13,533MT of A/B season trawl cod to harvest 75% of the A/B/C season harvest has been harvested. Leaving 13,533MT of A/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 132MT last week for the season 7,569MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 8,120MT 39% 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 7-25-2022: 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 fishing should resume on September 1st, 2022.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 7-25-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, July 16th fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 5,727MT (12 million pounds) 2,000MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 209,097MT (460 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 91,622MT, Rock Sole 15,637MT Alaska Plaice, 6,760MT, Flathead Sole 10,577MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,783MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,771MT other Flatfish 1,665MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,18,010MT Atka Mackerel 36,359,MT Octopus,179MT Skate 17,597MT Greenland Turbot, 642MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,596MT.

Opilio Snow Crab 7-25-2022:

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. The season closed by regulation on May 31st at noon.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 7-25-2022:

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 Golden King Crab 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 7-25-2022: Fishery open on May 1st with twelve vessels registered to fish, so far forty-eight landings for 146,184lbs. from the Alaska South Peninsula. The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with 15 landings from six vessels for 447,754 lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered.

Halibut IFQ 7-27-2022:

There have been 1,724 landings as of this morning for 8.4 million pounds leaving 11.8 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 41% of the allocation has been harvested just over 400,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.15 million pounds. followed by Seward 1.11 million lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, forty-three landings for 197,913lbs leaving 1,014,087lbs to harvest 16% 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 7-25-2022:

This fishery has had 1,188 landings as of this morning for 23.9 million lbs. leaving 32.4 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 42% 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 4.6million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.6 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 7-25-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nineteen vessels registered to fish and they have made fifty-six landing for 960,740lbs so far leaving 331,260lbs. to harvest 74% of the allocation is harvested.

Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery: The harvest so far this season is 2,100ST (4.2million lbs.) he fishery is still open, but the harvest has slowed down. The quota for this season was 4,400ST 48% of the allocation has been harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Groundfish Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports

