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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for August 1st, 2022, Harvest Data.

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-23-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod and Sablefish 8-1-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10th at noon the first seven weeks of the fishery have gone very well, with low salmon bycatch. Last week's harvest was the second largest of the Pollock B season 58,000MT (127 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 four weeks left in the fishery, the unharvested amount is 258,000MT (568 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.

Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab Fisheries: The Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon today. The Eastern District is set at 3.32 million pounds. The Western District allocation is at 1.73 million pounds total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We except 5 vessels to be registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$32-40 million dollar range. The Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery may not open on October 15, 2022, preliminary information is the overall fishery is still declining the major problem is the female crab stock the survey preliminary information shows the stock well under the threshold level of 8.4 million animals needed for the fishery to open. This will be ADFG decision when the survey data is more formalized. The surveys vessels are still working the Snow crab fishing grounds and I haven't heard any preliminary information on Snow Crab and Tanner Crab stocks. We will probably hear something in the next couple of weeks.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 7-23-2022: the B season harvest last week was 67,265MT (106 million pounds) a 3,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvest decreasing. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 58,000MT (127 million pounds) The season totals are 1.145MMT harvested (2.5

billion pounds) leaving 709,413MT (1.56billion pounds) to harvest; 62% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 7-23-2022: the Pollock B season open on June 10th for last week we had a harvest of 58,983MT the harvest for the seven weeks of fishing, the B season harvest is at 326,420MT (719 million pounds) leaving 258,000MT (568 million pounds) to harvest, 56% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the B season allocation harvested to date 156,000MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 799,573MT (1.30 billion pounds) 72% of the seasonal Pollock allocation leaving 258,000MT to harvest in pounds (568 million lbs.).

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 26,289MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 156,152MT leaving 106,730MT of B season to harvest, with 60% of the B allocation having been harvested; 78% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 368,470MT (812 million pounds).

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 22,303MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 123,649MT leaving 86,090MT of the B season allocation to harvest, 59% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 294,070MT (648 million pounds) 77% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 4,704MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 26,384MT leaving 27,180MT of B season allocation to harvest 50% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 67,860MT (149 million pounds) 71% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 5,688MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 19,364MT having been harvested, leaving 41,892MT of the B season to harvest 32% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 69,208MT (152 million pounds) and 62% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Last week harvest was 695MT for the season 26,328MT leaving 23,422MT to harvest 53% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 7-23-22 is 5,659 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 12% leaving 40,008 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 45,086 fish.

Pacific Cod: 7-23-2022: 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 23rd, 2022, was 2,099MT (4.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 100,335MT (221

million pounds) leaving 47,134MT to harvest (in pounds 103 million) including CDQ 68.1% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,799MT last week for the season 44,336MT from the A season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 20,691MT to harvest, 68% 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 23rd, 2022, last week of 280MT harvested last week with 190MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 8MT and CV sector 82MT A/B season harvest stands at 37,471MT leaving 13,253MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 76% of the A/B/C 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 18MT last week for the season 7,587MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 8,102MT 40% 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 8-1-2022: the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there was one landing last the fishery is still open. The fishery is at 544 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 34.9 million pounds leaving 2.82 million pounds still to harvest 94% of the harvest of 37.196 million pounds has been completed. ADFG states one vessel currently fishing this allocation. We expect more vessels to fish this allocation on September 1st, 2022.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 7-23-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, July 23rd fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 5,258MT (11.5 million pounds) 500MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 214,355MT (472 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 91,659MT, Rock Sole 15,700MT Alaska Plaice, 6,775MT, Flathead Sole 11,028MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 4,094MT, Kamchatka Flounder 5,236MT other Flatfish 1,684MT

other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,18,010MT Atka Mackerel 37,812MT, Octopus,179MT Skate 18,160MT Greenland Turbot, 715MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,671MT.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 8-1-2022:

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Dungeness Crab 8-1-2022: Fishery open on May 1st with twelve vessels registered to fish, so far fifty-eight landings for 200,429lbs. from the Alaska South Peninsula. The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with twenty-six landings from nine vessels for 723,958lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered.

Halibut IFQ 8-1-2022:

There have been 1,844 landings as of this morning for 8.7 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 300,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.188 million pounds. followed by Seward 1.183 million lbs. There has been Halibut CDQ, fifty-three landings for 195,484lbs leaving 1,016lbs 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 8-1-2022:

This fishery has had 1,188 landings as of this morning for 24.5 million lbs. leaving 31.8 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 43% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 650,000lbs. 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 4.67million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 3.76 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 of the fish 1/2 2/3-pound fish are in \$1.50-\$2.00 range.

Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 8-1-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are nineteen vessels registered to fish and they have made fifty-

sixty-one landing for 1,038million lbs. so far leaving 293,168lbs. to harvest 80% of the allocation is harvested.

Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 8-1-2022: 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

