

Frank Kelty  
Fisheries Consultant  
City of Unalaska

**Date:** 8-29-2022

**To:** Chris Hladick, City Manager, Marjorie Veeder, Assistant Manager, Clay Darnell, and Michelle Price

**From:** Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and Harvest Data.

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 8-20-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod, Sablefish and Food and Bait Herring 8-29-22.**

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon, the fishery is in its eleventh week of the fishery have gone very well, the harvest is winding down as the four Pollock sector allocations have been almost completed. Last week's harvest of the Pollock B season 36,648MT (80 million lbs.) That leaves 53,000MT of Pollock B season to harvest will be completed in about week and half. Pollock B season allocation is set at 583,825MT 534,000MT have been harvested. 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 for Pollock landed in Unalaska.

**Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab Fisheries:** The Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery reopened on August 1, 2022; 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 five vessels to be registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$70-80 million dollar range. A State of Alaska cost recovery delivery of Golden King Crab was made last week 85,000lbs were landed. We had two CDQ landings last week, and four IFQ landing from the Eastern District, but ADFG is keep the catch information confidential until more processors purchase Golden King Crab. The Golden King Crab Western District still has not had a delivery. The NPFMC Crab Plan Team meetings takes place in Seattle in two weeks, we should have some additional information on the outlook for Red King Crab, Snow Crab, and Tanner Crab seasonal allocations, after that meeting. I will be attending the meetings via Zoom.

The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with sixty-five landings from fourteen vessels for 1.5 million lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered. We have the ex-vessel price for Dungeness is in plus \$5.00 dollar range, there is no set allocation for this fishery.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 8-20-2022:** the B season harvest last week was 47,855MT (105 million pounds) a 12,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvest decreasing. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 36,648MT (80 million pounds) The season totals are 1,391MMT harvested (3.06 billion pounds) leaving 462,841MT (1.02 billion pounds) to harvest; 75 % of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

**Pollock: 8-20-2022:** the Pollock B season open on June 10<sup>th</sup> for last week we had a harvest of 36,648MT (106 million lbs.). The total B season harvest is at 534,850MT (1.17 billion pounds) leaving 53,462MT (117 million pounds) to harvest, 91% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the B season allocation harvested to date 237,000MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 1,007MMT (2.22 billion pounds) 96% of the seasonal Pollock allocation leaving 53,426MT to harvest in pounds (117 million lbs.) It is projected that the fishery will be completed in one week and half.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 11,778MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 237,068MT (522 million lbs.) leaving 25,813MT of B season to harvest, with 91% of the B allocation having been harvested; 95% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 449,387MT (990 million pounds).

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 15,703MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 191,287MT (421 million lbs.) leaving 18,452MT (40.6 million lbs.) of the B season allocation to harvest, 91% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 361,708MT (797 million pounds) 95% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 3,106MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 45,013MT (99 million lbs.) leaving 8,551MT (18.8 million lbs.) of B season allocation to harvest 86% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 86,484MT (190 million pounds) 91% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** Harvested last week was 6,061MT the seasonal harvest is 110,454MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 60,610MT (133 million lbs.) having been harvested, leaving 646MT (1.4 million lbs.) of the B season to harvest 99% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 110,454MT (243 million pounds) and 99% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** Last week harvest was 1,594MT for the season 30,580MT leaving 19,176MT to harvest 61% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** The bycatch total through 8-20-22 is 6,077 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 13% leaving 39,623 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 209,036 fish.

**Pacific Cod: 8-20-2022:** Pacific Cod fishery continues to be slow with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries and trawl harvest mostly bycatch with Pollock. The freezer longline sector is the driving force for the Pacific Cod harvest with about 80% of the weekly harvest. Last week harvest was 2,261MT (4.9 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 109,055MT (240 million pounds) leaving 38,406MT to harvest (846,468lbs). including CDQ 74% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,841MT last week for the season 51,724MT from the A/B season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 13,303MT to harvest, 81% 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 August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, last week of 408MT harvested last week with 266MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 11MT and CV sector 131MT A/B season harvest stands at 38,709MT leaving 12,015MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 78% of the A/B/C season harvest has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 1MT last week for the season 4,018MT leaving 1,500MT cod allocation to harvest, 73% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested. This sector received a rollover of Pacific Cod allocation of 1,700MT from other Cod sectors last week

**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 6,959MT leaving 4,126MT of B season allocation to harvest 63 % of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 10MT last week for the season 6,430MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,648MT 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 8-29-2022:** the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there was one landing made last week the fishery is still open. The fishery is at 551 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 35.28 million pounds leaving 1.91 million pounds

to harvest 95% 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 8-20-2022:** The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 7,229MT (15.9 million pounds) 800MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 237,237MT (522 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 93,358MT, Rock Sole 16,010MT Alaska Plaice, 7,358MT, Flathead Sole 12,205MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,246MT, Kamchatka Flounder 7,945MT other Flatfish 1,878MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 25,949MT Atka Mackerel 42,579MT, Octopus, 192MT Skate 20,727MT Greenland Turbot, 1,268MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,522MT.

**State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 8-29-2022:**

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There has been one landing in this fishery for the State of Alaska of cost recovery crab 85,000lbs. were landed, which was 50% of the cost recovery program allocation. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3,32 million pounds and has had four landing which are still confidential. The Western District allocation is set at 1,73 million pounds there have been no landings from the Western District at this time. There have been two CDQ landings from the Eastern District which also still confidential. The total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We expect five vessels to be registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$70-80 million dollar range for the 5.05-million-pound allocation.

**Dungeness Crab 8-29-2022:** The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with sixty-five landings from fourteen vessels for 1.5 million lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered. The South Peninsula Dungeness fishery has fifteen vessels registered to fish, so far eighty-eight landings for 360,376lbs.

**Halibut IFQ 8-29-2022:**

There have been 2,428 landings as of this morning for 11.5 million pounds leaving 8.7 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 57% of the allocation has been harvested just over 750,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.69 million pounds. followed by Seward 1.42 million pounds. There has been Halibut CDQ, sixty-nine landings for 334,999lbs leaving 877,001lbs. to harvest 28% of the allocation has been taken. IFQ landings to Unalaska, have been made 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.

**Sablefish IFQ 8-29-2022:**

This fishery has had 1,387 landings as of this morning for 27.7 million lbs. leaving 28.6 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 49% of the

allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 950,000lbs, fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 4.82 million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 4.51 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 8-29-2022:** there are twenty-one vessels registered to fish and they have made seventy-four landings for 1,246 million lbs. so far leaving 45,224lbs. to harvest 96% of the allocation is harvested. The fishery closed last week.

**Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 8-29-2022:** The harvest this season is at 2,200ST (4.4 million lbs.) the fishery is still open, but no one is fishing currently. The quota for this season was 4,400ST 50% of the allocation has been harvested.

Regards

Frank Kelty

Attachments:

1. Groundfish Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports

