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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for September 12, 2022

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 9-3-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, State Water Pot Cod, Sablefish and Bait Herring 9-12-22.**

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon the fishery is in its twelfth week of the fishery have gone very well all season with a steady harvest and low bycatch of salmon. The harvest is winding down as the four Pollock sector allocations have almost been harvested. Last week's harvest of the Pollock B season 17,071MT (37 million lbs.) That leaves 12,422MT (27 million lbs.) of Pollock B season to harvest wrap up in about week. The CV sector has 8,400MT of that amount and most of that is Trident allocation to harvest the Unalaska plants have finished their B season Pollock allocations. 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; 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 expect 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 six IFQ landing from the Eastern District, and one landing from the Western District, NMFS is keeping the catch information confidential until more processors purchase Golden King Crab. The Bering Sea North Peninsula Dungeness catch has been increasing with eighty landings from fourteen vessels for 1.85 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.

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. Last week harvest was

2,996MT (6.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 114,259MT (251 million pounds) leaving 33,202MT to harvest (731,772lbs). including CDQ 77.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation.

The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 8,595MT (19.7 million pounds) 7,000MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 253,989MT (559 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest.

Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, there have been 2,717 landings as of this morning for 13.03 million pounds leaving 7.2 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 64% of the allocation has been harvested just over 840,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.87 million pounds. followed by Kodiak 1.63 million pounds. There has been Halibut CDQ, 121 landings for 407,292lbs leaving 804,708lbs. to harvest 34% of the allocation has been taken. IFQ landings to Unalaska, have been made but they are still in the confidential category.

Sablefish, this fishery has had 1,506 landings as of this morning for 29.8 million lbs. leaving 27.6 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 53% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.1 million lbs. fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Seward leads the way with 5.1 million pounds landed, followed by Sitka at 4.98 million pounds. Landing to Unalaska have been made but landings amount is still confidential.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 9-3-2022:** the B season harvest last week was 30,348MT (66 million pounds) a 6,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvest decreasing. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 17,071MT (37 million pounds) The season totals are 1,457MMT harvested (3.21 billion pounds) leaving 396,854MT (874,666 million pounds) to harvest; 79% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

**Pollock: 9-3-2022:** the Pollock B season open on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Last week we had a harvest of 23,967MT (52.8 million lbs.). The total B season harvest is at 558,817MT (1.23 billion pounds) leaving 29,493MT (65 million pounds) to harvest, 95% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the B season allocation harvested to date 261,000MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 1,030MMT (2.27 billion pounds) 97% of the seasonal Pollock allocation leaving 29,493MT to harvest in pounds (65million lbs.) It is projected that the fishery will be completed in one week.

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 7,671MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 254,404MT (560 million lbs.) leaving 8,478MT (18.6 million lbs.) of B season to harvest, with 97% of the B allocation having been harvested; 98% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 466,722MT (1.02 billion pounds). The majority of Pollock left is Trident Seafoods allocation Unalaska plants are done processing Pollock.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea sector harvested 5,125MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 206,033MT (454 million lbs.) leaving 3,707MT (8.1 million lbs.) of the B season allocation to harvest, 99% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 376,453MT (829 million pounds) 99% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 3,825MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 53,394MT (117 million lbs.) leaving 170MT (374,680 lbs.) of B season allocation to harvest 102% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 94,870MT (209 million pounds) 100% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** Harvested last week was 451MT the seasonal harvest is 110,454MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 61,189MT (134 million lbs.) having been harvested, leaving 67MT (147,668 lbs.) of the B season to harvest 100% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 111,033MT (243.16million pounds) and 100% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch:** Last week harvest was 1,161MT for the season 32,939MT leaving 16,561MT to harvest 67% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch:** The bycatch total through 9-3-22 is 6,369 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 14% leaving 39,472 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 239,608fish.

**Pacific Cod: 9-3-2022:** 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. Last week harvest was 2,996MT (6.6 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 114,259MT (251 million pounds) leaving 33,202MT to harvest (731,772lbs). including CDQ 77.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,644MT last week for the season 55,158MT from the A/B season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 9,869MT to harvest, 83% 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 September 3<sup>rd</sup> last week of 493MT harvested last week with 243MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 41MT and CV sector 209MT A/B season harvest stands at 39,614MT leaving 11,110MT 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 236MT last week for the season 4,254MT leaving 1,264MT cod allocation to harvest, 77% 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 570MT last week for the season 7,530MT leaving 3,686MT of B season allocation to harvest 67% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 32MT last week for the season 6,523MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,887MT 41.5% 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 9-12-2022:** the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there was one landing made last week the fishery is still open. The fishery is at 554 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 35.34 million pounds leaving 1.85 million pounds to harvest 95% of the harvest of 37.19 million pounds has been completed. ADFG states one vessel currently fishing this allocation.

**Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 9-3-2022:** The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 8,595MT (19.7 million pounds) 7,000MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 253,989MT (559 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 98,087MT, Rock Sole 16,598MT Alaska Plaice,7,901MT, Flathead Sole 12,999MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,598MT, Kamchatka Flounder 8,102MT other Flatfish 1,991MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,29,713MT Atka Mackerel 46,407MT, Octopus,195MT Skate 22,199MT Greenland Turbot, 1,376MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,820MT.

**State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 9-12-2022:**

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 six landing which are still confidential. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there have been 1 landing from the Western District which is still confidential. There have been two CDQ landings from the Eastern District which are also still confidential. The 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 for the 5.05-million-pound allocation.

**Dungeness Crab 9-12-2022:** The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with eighty landings from fourteen vessels for 1.85 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 ninety-nine landings for 422,668lbs.

**Halibut IFQ 9-12-2022:**

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**Sablefish IFQ 9-12-2022:**

This fishery has had 1,506 landings as of this morning for 29.8 million lbs. leaving 27.6 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 53% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 1.1 million lbs. fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Seward leads the way with 5.1 million pounds landed, followed by Sitka at 4.98 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 9-12-2022:** there are twenty-one vessels registered to fish and they have made seventy-four landing for 1,246 million lbs. so far leaving 45,463lbs. 96% of the allocation has been harvested. The fishery is closed.

**Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 9-12-2022:** 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

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Attachments:

- 1.Fishery Update Memo
- 2.Groundfish Harvest Data
- 3.NOAA Reports



