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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for September 5, 2022, Harvest Data.

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 8-27-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, State Water Pot Cod, Sablefish and Bait Herring 9-5-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10th at noon the fishery is in its eleventh 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 23,967MT (52 million lbs.) That leaves 29,493MT of Pollock B season to harvest wrap up in about week and half. The CV sector has 16,000MT 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, ADFG is keep the catch information confidential until more processors purchase Golden King Crab. The NPFMC Crab Plan Team meetings takes place in Seattle in one week, 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. I will attach a just released crab survey memo from NMFS that you can review The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with sixty-nine landings from fourteen vessels for 1.58 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, the 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 2,208MT (4.8 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 111,263MT (245 million pounds) leaving 36,198MT to harvest (797,780lbs). including CDQ 75.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be steady, last week harvest was 15,779MT (34.7 million pounds) 8,000MT increase over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 253,015MT (557 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ.

Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, there have been 2,566 landings of Halibut as of this morning, for 12.2 million pounds leaving 8.0 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 60% of the allocation has been harvested just over 730,000lbs were landed last week. Sablefish, this fishery has had 1,449 landings as of this morning, for 28.7 million lbs. leaving 27.6 million lbs. to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 51% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 970,000lbs, fishing continues to be strong in most areas.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 8-27-2022: the B season harvest last week was 35,497MT (78 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 23,967MT (52 million pounds) The season totals are 1,427MMT harvested (3.14 billion pounds) leaving 427,247MT (941,652 million pounds) to harvest; 77% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 8-27-2022: the Pollock B season open on June 10th. 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 9,665MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 246,733MT (543 million lbs.) leaving 16,149MT of B season to harvest, with 94% of the B allocation having been harvested; 97% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 459,051MT (1.01 billion pounds). The majority of Pollock left is Trident seafoods allocation Unalaska plants are done processing

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 9,620MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at

200,907MT (442 million lbs.) leaving 8,832MT (19.4 million lbs.) of the B season allocation to harvest, 96% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 371,328MT (818 million pounds) 98% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 4,556MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 49,570MT (109 million lbs.) leaving 3,995MT (8.8 million lbs.) of B season allocation to harvest 95% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 91,045MT (200 million pounds) 96% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 129MT the seasonal harvest is 110,454MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 60,739MT (133 million lbs.) having been harvested, leaving 517MT (1.1 million lbs.) of the B season to harvest 99% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 110,583MT (243.7million pounds) and 100% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Last week harvest was 1,454MT for the season 31,778MT leaving 17,722MT to harvest 64% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 8-20-22 is 6,182 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 14% leaving 39,515 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 225,163fish.

Pacific Cod: 8-27-2022: 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 2,208MT (4.8 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 111,263MT (245 million pounds) leaving 36,198MT to harvest (797,780lbs). including CDQ 75.5% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,758MT last week for the season 53,498MT from the A/B season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 11,529MT to harvest, 82% 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 20th, 2022, last week of 412MT harvested last week with 238MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 27MT and CV sector 147MT A/B season harvest stands at 39,121MT leaving 11,603MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 77% of the A/B/C season harvest has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT 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 29MT last week for the season 6,459MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 9,619MT 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 9-5-2022: the sixty’ foot under pot vessels fishing, there was one landing made last week the fishery is still open. The fishery is at 552 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 35.3 million pounds leaving 1.89 million pounds to harvest 95% of the harvest of 37,196 million pounds has been completed. ADFG states one vessel currently fishing this allocation.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 8-27-2022: The Amendment 80 sector fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 15,779MT (34.7 million pounds) 8,000MT increase over last week’s harvest. The total harvest stands 253,015MT (557 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 95,332MT, Rock Sole 16,326MT Alaska Plaice,7,533MT, Flathead Sole 12,682MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,439MT, Kamchatka Flounder 8,024MT other Flatfish 1,932MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,27,427MT Atka Mackerel 44,716MT, Octopus,193MT Skate 21,380MT Greenland Turbot, 1,331MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,673MT.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 9-5-2022:

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 confidential. 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 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 9-5-2022: The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with sixty-nine landings from fourteen vessels for 1.56 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-one landings for 399,445lbs.

Halibut IFQ 9-5-2022:

There have been 2,566 landings as of this morning for 12.2 million pounds leaving 8.0 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 60% of the allocation has been harvested just over 730,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Homer leads the way with 1.83 million pounds. followed by Seward 1.49 million pounds. There has been Halibut CDQ, 105 landings for 358,521lbs leaving 853,479lbs. to harvest 30% 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 9-5-2022:

This fishery has had 1,449 landings as of this morning for 28.7 million lbs. leaving 27.6 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 51% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 970,000lbs, fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 4.85 million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 4.81 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 9-5-2022: there are twenty-one vessels registered to fish and they have made seventy-four landing for 1,246 million lbs. so far leaving 45,770lbs. to harvest 96% of the allocation is harvested. The fishery closed last week.

Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 9-5-2022: 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. Groundfish Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports
3. NOAA Crab Survey Information

