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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 9, 2023

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest Data not available for another week. BSAI Crab, for 1-9-23.

This will be a short fishery update this week NOAA will not have any 2023 Groundfish reports until January 12, 2023. We only have harvest data for the Bering Sea Crab Fisheries for last week. Fishing activity has started to pick up on Sunday January 1st, 2023, A season Pacific Cod fixed gear fisheries opened so we should see some longline and pot cod fisheries we should see landings in Unalaska very soon. There was one landing of Golden King Crab, made last week, there were no landings made of Tanner Crab from the Bering Sea. The local plants are getting geared up for the start of the Pollock A season which opened for fixed gear Pacific Cod on January 1st and for all trawl sector harvesters for Pollock, Cod, Mackerel, Perch, and all flatfish species which opens on January 20th. 2023.

The Pollock A season: total allowable catch for 2023 is 40% of the 1.3 MMT allocation which is 520,000 metric tons (1.14 billion pounds) the Unalaska plants Pollock A season allocation come in at 165,000MT in pounds 365 million pounds. With good fishing Pollock A season will last until mid to late March.

The Pacific Cod A season: allocations by sectors is as follows 60'> Pot Boats 5,600MT and that usually last 3-4 weeks, 60'< pot and longline 2,600MT that would last 2-3 weeks then seven days after the federal closure the State water fishery pot cod fishery for vessels 60'< opens for 38 million pounds. The CV trawl fishery opens on January 20th for 21,500MT that usually wraps up in April. The freezer longline catcher processors has the largest A season allocation of cod at 32,497MT that season has started on January 1st. The Amendment 80 sector CP Trawlers have an allocation of 13,216MT that opens on January 20th and the At Sea Catcher Processors cod allocation is 2,268MT. The CDQ allocation is 14,280MT and the Pot Cod Catcher Processors have a cod allocation of 1,001MT and the jig allocation is 1,050MT. The total A season Pacific Cod allocation in Metric Tons is 111,512MT (in pounds 245 million).

Unalaska shore plants usually process 10-12% of the Pacific Cod harvest in pounds 25-28 million pounds

Golden King Crab Fisheries 1-2-2023:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There was one Golden King Crab landing made from the Eastern District last week. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had twenty-five landings for 1,643,133lbs. leaving 1,344,867 lbs. to harvest 55% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there have been twenty-eight landings from the Western District which is still confidential. There have been four CDQ landings from the Eastern District for 245,680 lbs. leaving 86,320 lbs. to harvest 74% of the CDQ allocation has been harvested. The total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We have five vessels 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.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 1-2-23: There was no Tanner Crab landings made last week. We have had 32 Tanner crab landings for the season for 500,912lbs. leaving 545,788lbs. 48% of the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab has had three landings the poundage amount is still confidential the Western district allocation is 765,000 lbs. There has been two Western District CDQ landings the poundage amount is confidential. Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab total allocation is set at 2.0 million pounds including CDQ.

Regards

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Attachments:

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

