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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for, 2-20-2023

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 2-11-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 2-20-23.**

The last three weeks of Pollock fishing has been very good about 185,000MT (409 million pounds) have been harvested by all four sectors the information I have small pollock is an issue, but Roe quality has improved. The fleet has strong fishing 33% of the A Pollock harvest is completed the season could be over in mid-March. Pacific Cod fishing has been very good the federal pot cod fishery have closed having harvested their allocations in two weeks the Freezer Longline CP have had strong fishing they have harvested almost 18,000MT since January 1<sup>st</sup> and the trawl sector fishing has picked up, they harvested 3,500 MT last week and have over 5,000MT since January 20<sup>th</sup>. The State Water Pot Cod 58' < under is going strong with 10.7 million pounds harvested in the past month and still have 27 million pounds to harvest. The Tanner crab fishery had a slow week only 70,000lbs. landed last week. The Golden King Crab Fishery had deliveries of only 140,000lbs. for the week. The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fishery is just getting started with only 6,900MT of various Sole, Perch and Mackerel landed for last week for the season they are at 24,000MT.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 2-11-2023:** the A season harvest last week was 77,713MT (171 million pounds) 17,000MT increase over the previous weeks harvest. The season totals are 242,088MT harvested (533 million pounds) leaving 1,738,862MT (3.8 billion pounds) to harvest; 12% of the overall annual harvest of 1,980,950MMT (4.3 billion pounds).

**Pollock: 2-11-2023:** the Pollock B season open on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Last week we had a harvest of 62,195MT (137 million lbs.). The total A season harvest is at 185,991MT (409 million pounds) leaving 376,509MT (829 million pounds) to harvest, 33% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the A season allocation harvested to date 74,698MT. (164 million pounds)

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 23,222MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 74,698MT (164 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 177,302MT (390 million lbs.) of A season to harvest, with 30% of the A allocation having been harvested.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea Sector harvested 21,660MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 64,161MT (141 million pounds) the A season allocation is 201,600MT leaving 137,439MT (302 million pounds) of the A season allocation to harvest. 32% of the A season is completed.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 4,927MT the seasonal harvest is at 17,320MT (38 million pounds) the A season harvest allocation is 50,400MT leaving 33,080 to harvest 34% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** Harvested last week was 12,386MT the A season harvest is 29,812MT. The A season allocation is 58,500MT leaving 28,688MT (63 million lbs.) having been harvested 51% is A season is harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 2-11-23:** Last week harvest was 2,042MT for the season 4,642MT leaving 45,358MT to harvest 9% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch 2-11-23:** The bycatch total is 5,616 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 12% leaving 40,084fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is 306 fish.

**Pacific Cod: 2-11-2023:** Pacific Cod fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have strong fishing. Last week harvest was 6,222MT (13.7 million pounds) from the total allocation of 135,834MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 26,571MT (58.5million pounds) leaving 110,581MT to harvest (241 million pounds). including CDQ 19.2% of the Pacific Cod A season allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 2,273MT last week for the season 12,009MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 17,935MT to harvest, 40% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod Trawl:** This fishery will be opened on January 20,2023, with the A season allocation of 50,722MT. We had a harvest through February 11<sup>th</sup>, last week 3,501MT total. The Amendment 80 sector,876MT At Sea 131MT and CV sector 2,494MT A season harvest stands at 5,075MT leaving 29,004MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 14% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,336MT leaving 27MT cod allocation to harvest, 99% of the seasonal allocation was harvested.

**C/P Pot CPs** 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 250 MT. The A season remaining allocation is 1,560MT 14% of the A season allocation was harvested.

**Pot Cod 60’>:** harvested 0MT last week for the season 5,087MT leaving 5,047MT of B season allocation to harvest 50% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest 418MT last week for the season 698MT from an allocation of 14,534MT leaving 13,836MT 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 748MT leaving 748MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 2-11-2023:** The Amendment 80 sector fishing was just getting started, the harvest last week was 6,991MT (15.4 million pounds). The total harvest stands 24,876MT (54.8.4 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 12,439MT, Rock Sole 3,222MT Alaska Plaice,932MT, Flathead Sole 925MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 160MT, Kamchatka Flounder 5MT other Flatfish 203MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,343MT Atka Mackerel 2,236MT, Octopus,41MT Skate 4,358MT Greenland Turbot, 1MT and Sablefish Trawl 11MT.

**Pacific Cod State Water 58’< Pot Cod Fishery: 2-20-2023:** Pacific Cod 58’< fishery got off to a good start on January 23, 2023, weather hasn’t been too bad. The total allocation Dutch Harbor sub-district is fishery is 38.3 million pounds, with 20 vessels participating so far, that number will increase as of Pot Cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska are completed. The harvest through this morning is 10.7 million pounds leaving 27.5 million pounds to harvest 28% of the harvest has been taken. I understand that that there are tenders on the grounds to assist in getting cod to the local plants allowing harvesters to stay on the grounds longer.

**Golden King Crab Fisheries 2-20-2023:**

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There were three Golden King Crab landings made from the Eastern District last week for 122,385lbs. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had thirty-five landings for 2,251,022lbs. leaving 736,076lbs. to harvest 75% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there were four landing last week the season total is thirty-five landings from the Western District, the poundage which is still confidential. There have been six CDQ landings from the Eastern District for 312,898lbs. leaving 19,102lbs. to harvest 94% 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 2-20-2023:** There were two Tanner Crab landings all from the Eastern District last week for 69,961lbs. We have had 48 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 832,293lbs. leaving 214,407lbs. 80% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had no landings last week for the total landings stand at 417,349 lbs. leaving 347,651lbs. to harvest 55% the allocation has been. There has been two Eastern District CDQ landings, the poundage amount is 60,350lbs leaving 24,650 lbs. to harvest 71% of the CDQ harvest has been taken. Western District CDQ landings are at three that amount is still confidential. Eastern/Western 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

