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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for, 2-27-2023

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 2-18-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery and BSAI Crab, for 2-27-23.**

The last four weeks of Pollock fishing has been still good about 240,000MT (530 million pounds) have been harvested by all four sectors the information Pollock size is improving an Roe quality has improved as well. The fleet has strong fishing 42% of the A season Pollock harvest is completed the season could be over in mid-March. Pacific Cod fishing has been very good the federal pot cod fishery has all closed having harvested their allocations in two weeks the Freezer Longline CP have had strong fishing they have harvested almost 14,000MT since January 1<sup>st</sup> and the trawl sector fishing has picked up, they harvested 6,200MT last week and have over 5,000MT from the CV trawlers last week. The total cod harvest from January 1<sup>st</sup> is at 35,700MT (78million pounds). The State Water Pot Cod 58< under is going strong with 14.2 million pounds harvested in the past month and still have 24 million pounds to harvest. The Tanner crab fishery had a good week with 203,000lbs. landed last week leaving and estimated 450,000lbs to harvest.. The Golden King Crab Fishery had one delivery last week of only 79,000lbs. for the week, there is still and 849,101lbs of Golden King Crab to harvest The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fishery is still slow with only 6,700MT of various Sole, Perch and Mackerel landed for last week for the season they are at 31,000MT (69 million pounds harvested).

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 2-18-2023:** the A season harvest last week was 72,386MT (159 million pounds) 5,000MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest. The season totals are 314,949MT harvested (694 million pounds) leaving 1,666,001MT (3.6 billion pounds) to harvest; 16% of the overall annual harvest of 1,980,950MMT (4.3 billion pounds).

**Pollock: 2-18-2023:** the Pollock B season open on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Last week we had a harvest of 54,586MT (120 million lbs.). The total A season harvest is at 240,576MT (530 million pounds) leaving 321,923MT (709 million pounds) to harvest, 42% of the A season

allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the A season allocation harvested to date 98,645MT. (217 million pounds)

**Inshore CV:** this sector harvested 23,949MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 98,645MT (217 million pounds) the A season allocation is 252,000MT leaving 153,355MT (337 million lbs.) of A season to harvest, with 39% of the A allocation having been harvested.

**At Sea Processors:** At Sea Sector harvested 17,558MT last week, the A season seasonal harvest is 81,718MT (180 million pounds) the A season allocation is 201,600MT leaving 119,882MT (264 million pounds) of the A season allocation to harvest. 41% of the A season is completed.

**Mothership Sector:** harvested last week was 5,372MT the A season seasonal harvest is at 22,692MT (50 million pounds) the A season harvest allocation is 50,400MT leaving 20,980 to harvest 45% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** Harvested last week was 7,709MT the A season harvest is 37,520MT. The A season allocation is 58,500MT leaving 14,260MT (31 million lbs.) having been harvested 64% is A season is harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 2-18-23:** Last week harvest was 2,134MT for the season 6,782MT leaving 43,218MT to harvest 14% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch 2-18-23:** The bycatch total is 6,846 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 15% leaving 38,854fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total is 366 fish.

**Pacific Cod: 2-18-2023:** 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 9,202MT (20.2 million pounds) from the total allocation of 135,834MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 35,773MT (78.8million pounds) leaving 101,379MT to harvest (223 million pounds). including CDQ 26% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 2,003MT last week for the season 14,104MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 15,860MT to harvest, 47% 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 18<sup>th</sup>, last week 6,244MT total. The Amendment 80 sector,976MT At Sea 110MT and CV sector 5,158MT A season harvest stands at 11,319MT leaving 22,760MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 22% 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 953MT last week for the season 1,651MT from an allocation of 14,534MT leaving 12,883MT 9% 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 2-18-2023:** The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is off to a slow start this A season. The harvest last week was 6,749MT (14.8 million pounds) a 200MT less than last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 31,624MT (69.6 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 14,548MT, Rock Sole 4,499MT Alaska Plaice, 1,210MT, Flathead Sole 1,804MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 250MT, Kamchatka Flounder 8MT other Flatfish 393MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 385MT Atka Mackerel 3,120MT, Octopus, 50MT Skate 5,343MT Greenland Turbot, 1MT and Sablefish Trawl 13MT.

**Pacific Cod State Water 58'< Pot Cod Fishery: 2-27-2023:** Pacific Cod 58'< fishery got off to a good start on January 23, 2023. fishing has been strong. The total allocation Dutch Harbor sub-district is fishery is 38.3 million pounds, with 21 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 14.2 million pounds leaving 24 million pounds to harvest 37% of the harvest has been taken. I understand 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 2-27-2023:**

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon. There were one Golden King Crab landings made from the Eastern District last week for 79,997lbs. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3.32 million pounds and has had thirty-six landings for 2,331,019lbs. leaving 656,981lbs. to harvest 78% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western District allocation is set at 1.73 million pounds there were no landing last week, the season total is thirty-five landings from the Western District, 1,551,000lbs. leaving 173,485lbs to harvest 90% of the Western District harvest is complete. 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 2-27-2023:** There were one Tanner Crab landings all from the Eastern District last week for 10,794lbs. We have had 49 Tanner crab landings in total for the season for 843,087lbs. leaving 203,613bs.to harvest, 81% from the Eastern district allocation has been harvested. The Western District Tanner Crab had 16 small landings last week for 192,451lbs he totals landings stand at 609,800lbs. leaving 155,200lbs. to harvest 80% the allocation has been. There has been two Eastern District CDQ landings, the poundage amount is confidential. The Western District CDQ landings are at four landings 68,850 lbs., leaving 16,150lbs to harvest 81% of the allocation has been harvested. 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

