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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for June 19, 2023, Harvest Data and NOAA Reports

**Federal Water Groundfish Harvest 6-10-2023, State Water Pot Cod 58' < Under Fishery State Water Sablefish and IFQ Halibut and Sablefish, for 6-19-23.**

Activity is picking up in the community Bering Sea until the Pollock B season opens on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. Last week groundfish harvest only increased almost 14,000MT (30.0 million lbs.) due to the Pollock fishery starting. The B season allocation which is 60% of the overall Pollock allocation of 1.3 million Metric tons. The B season allocation comes in at 780,000MT in pounds (1.7 billion pounds) Unalaska shoreside allocation is 248,000MT in pounds (547 million lbs.) for the four local plants.

The B season opened at noon, on Saturday last week, in one day of fishing 3,200MT of B Season Pollock was delivered, by all four harvesters' sectors. Having talked to a few plants in Unalaska, fishing is good for the Pollock fish size is medium 500-650 gram. We should have Pollock B season landings today in Unalaska. We will still see in the next few weeks some Halibut and Sablefish landings coming to the shore-plants and crew changes and offloads by the Pacific Cod freezer longline catcher processors, and the Amendment 80 Bottom trawl catcher processors as well during this slow period.

All crab BSAI fisheries are now closed. The North Peninsula Dungeness crab fishery opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> catch is small so far 33,186lbs. and the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fisheries re-opens on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-10-2023:** Overall Groundfish Harvest for the last week of the A season and 1st day of the Pollock B season was 13,948MT (30.7 million pounds) 5,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest due decrease in Pollock harvest. The season totals are 828,034MT harvested (1.82billion pounds) leaving 1,158,251MMT (2.55 billion pounds) to harvest; 42% of the overall annual harvest of 1,986,285MMT (4.37 billion pounds) to harvest.

**Pollock: 6-10-2023:** Last week we had 6,840MT (15million lbs.) The total A season harvest last week was 3,140MT (6.9million lbs.) by the CV sector. For the season

552,815MT (1.28 billion pounds) leaving 16,268MT (35 million pounds) unharvested 97% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The B season harvest 3,249MT (7.1million pounds) from 695,122MT leaving 691,873MT (1.5 billion lbs.) to harvest 0.05% has been harvested.

**Inshore CV:** The harvested last week was 5,795MT 3,083MT was from the A season allocation which puts the A season CV catch at 242,479MT (534 million pounds) and is now closed 95% of the A season allocation was harvested. The B season harvest is 2,712MT (5.9 million pounds) the seasonal harvest 566,300MT (1.2 billion pounds) the B season allocation is 311,465MT leaving 308,753MT (680 million pounds) of B season to harvest, with 1% of the B allocation having been harvested.

**At Sea Processors:** The fleet harvested 692MT last week, there B season seasonal harvest is 453,040MT (998 million pounds) the B season allocation is 249,172MT (549million pounds) leaving 284,480MT (546 million pounds) of the B Season allocation to harvest.0.5% of the B season harvest is completed.

**Mothership Sector:** The harvested last week was 193MT the B season seasonal harvest is at 113,260MT (249 million pounds) the B season harvest allocation is 62,293MT leaving 62,100MT (84 million pounds) to harvest 0% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

**CDQ Sector:** The harvested last week was 160MT the B season seasonal harvest is 131,900MTMT (290 million pounds). The B season allocation is 72,545MT (159million lbs.) leaving 72,385MT (159 million lbs.) having been harvested 0% of the B season has been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 6-10-23:** Last week's harvest was 285MT for the season 30,870MT leaving 19,564MT to harvest 62% the annual allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon bycatch 6-10-23:** The bycatch total is 10,712 Chinook salmon fish taken as bycatch for the season. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 23% leaving 34,988 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. There was no Chinook bycatch last week. The Chum salmon, the season total is 451 fish.

**Pacific Cod: 6-10-2023:** the fishery pot gear fixed gear fisheries are wrapped up. The trawl harvest and freezer longline CPs have also slowed down. Last week's harvest was only 673MT (1.4 million pounds) including CDQ harvest. The A season harvest is at 83,994MT (185 million pounds) leaving 57,553MT to harvest (126.8 million pounds). including CDQ 62% of the Pacific Cod seasonal allocation of 135,354MT has been harvested.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 185MT last week for the season 29,643MT from the A season allocation of 29,964MT leaving the A season allocation at 196MT to harvest, 99% of the A season allocation has been harvested by this sector. The B

season allocation for this sector starts on June 10,2023 with 28,750MT to harvest (63.3 million lbs.).

**Pacific Cod Trawl:** This fishery will be opened on January 20,2023, with the A season allocation of 50,722MT. (111.9 million pounds) We had a harvest through June 10, 2023, last week 167MT. The Amendment 80 sector, 140MT At Sea 9MT and CV sector 18MT A season harvest stands at 33,409MT (73.6 million pounds) leaving 3,140MT (6.9 million pounds) of A season trawl cod to harvest 66 % of the A season allocation has been harvested. The CV trawl sector B season will reopen on April 13 to harvest and additional 2,200MT of trawl cod hopefully there will be enough vessels to harvest that amount.

**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 828MT. The A season remaining allocation is 95MT 90% of the A season allocation of 923MT have been 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 320MT last week for the season 6,965MT from an allocation of 14,470MT leaving 7,505MT 51% of the CDQ harvest have 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 6-10-2023:** The Amendment 80 sector fishing sector is slowing way down last week catch was 2,640MT (5.8 million pounds) an 8,000MT decrease over last week's harvest due slow fish and CP in Unalaska doing finished product offloads. The total harvest stands 158,040MT (348 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 64,833MT, Rock Sole 21,413MT Alaska Plaice, 7,886MT, Flathead Sole 5,098MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 2,212MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,563MT other Flatfish 2,954MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish,8,096MT Atka Mackerel 28,073MT, Octopus 93MT Skate 13,176MT Greenland Turbot, 338MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,305MT.

**Halibut IFQ 6-19-2023:** The Fishery opened on March 10<sup>th</sup> landings reported as of this morning, 1,208 landings for 5.3 million pounds. and leaving 12.9 million lbs. to harvest 29.1% of the fishery is complete. Fishing has been slow, and the harvesters have had harsh weather. The CDQ harvest is still confidential currently. The IFQ allocation is 17.2 million pounds. The CDQ allocation for the 6 CDQ groups is 1.18 million pounds of Halibut for a total of 18.2 million pounds. The leading port for Halibut landings is Homer

with 963,519lbs. and Juneau 616,574lbs. Halibut ex-vessel prices for Halibut are in the \$6.00 to \$6.50 range depending on size.

**Sablefish IFQ 6-19-2023:** The Fishery opened on March 10<sup>th</sup> landings reported as of this morning show 992 landings for 20.07 million lbs. leaving 41.9 million pounds to harvest 32% of the allocation have been harvested. The Sablefish allocation for Alaska is 62.04 million pounds. The leading Port for Sablefish landings is Seward 3.7 million lbs. and Kodiak at 2.54 million lbs. Sablefish prices range depending on size \$0.50-\$7.00 for large fish, we understand the fleet is harvesting many 1-2- and 2-3-pound fish which is driving down ex-vessel value.

**ADFG Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 6-19-23:** as of this morning eighty -nine landing landings for 1,13 million lbs. harvested leaving 775,841lbs. to harvest, 59% of the allocation 1.9 million pounds has been harvested. There are fourteen vessels registered for this fishery.

**North Peninsula Dungeness Crab 6-19-23:** this fishery is just getting started there have been eight landings for 33,186 lbs. from six vessels.

**Misc. Items:** This past week and further meeting this week on the 191 million dollar crab disaster spend plan for 21-22 and the 22-23 Snow Crab and Bristol Bay Red King Crab season we had a listing season with ADFG staff last week and the various sectors involved in the plan will meet on Friday to discuss percentages.

Regards

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Attachments:

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