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To: City Manager William Homka, Deputy City Manager Marjorie Veeder, Kelly Tompkins, Karen Magdaong, Michelle Price, Mayor Vince Tutikaoff, and Unalaska City Council Members

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 9, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 12-21-2024, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab 1-9-2025

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the B season groundfish fisheries are wrapped for the year. National Marine Fisheries Service is not doing any more weekly Groundfish Reports until the Pollock A fishery resumes on January 15th, 2025. The local plants in Unalaska, Unisea and Westward started processing Pacific Cod this week from the pot boats and the Hook and Line CPs have started fishing as well. The Golde King Crab Tanner and Snow Crab deliveries will be coming in at the end of the week.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 1-9-25 we have two cost recovery landing for ADFG the poundage amount is 167,000lbs with another 52,000lbs to be harvested both landings came from the Eastern District. There have also been 63 IFQ landings and 5 CDQ from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. The poundage for this year's landings of IFQ and CDQ, combined with the exact amount, is confidential, the estimated amounts are at slightly more than 4.1 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 721,000 lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, 85% of the harvest is completed. There were one Golden King Crab deliveries last week.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 1-9-25 we have fifty-two Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,423,395 lbs. leaving 312,975lbs. still available in the Eastern District 90% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There has been eight landings so far from three vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 226,057lbs leaving of 4.0 million lbs. to harvest 5% of the harvest has been completed. There were no landings for Tanner Crab last week.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: ADFG has 10-15 vessels registered to fish and about 6-7 on the grounds starting to fish. No landings have been made as of yet for from the 4.7-million-pound allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch 12-21-2024: the harvest last week was 62MT for season 48,959MT (107 million lbs.) leaving 1,296MT (2.8million lbs.) to harvest 99% of the allocation has been harvested.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 12-21-24 week came in at 552MT (1.2 million lbs.) for season A/B is 121,177MT (268 million lbs.) 79% of the allocation of 155,528MT has been harvested leaving 32,701MT (72.0million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation. We had landings from two sectors CDQ Bering Sea Cod 441MT and Freezer Longline CPs 111MT.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 12-21-24 decreased by 1,888MT to 172MT (379,088lbs) for the week, 155MT (341,621lbs.) of Skate and 17MT (37,468lbs.) of Sole. The total harvest stands at 315,129MT (694.5 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Groundfish harvest for 12-21-2024 last week was only 786MT (1.7 million lbs.) decrease of 3,000MT from the previous week's harvest due to bottom fish harvest sectors decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,761,434MMT (3.88 billion lbs.) leaving 229,111MT (504 million lbs.) 88% of the A/B harvest allocation is complete from 1,990,545MMT allocation (4.38 billion lbs.).

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 1-9-25.
2. Harvest Data Groundfish 12-21-24 Crab Species 1-9-25.
3. NOAA Reports