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From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Subject: Fishery Update for 3-21-2022

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 3-12-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod 3-21-22.

Fishing Seasons Information: The outbound migration at the end of the A season has started most of the Pollock will be wrapping up this week as of 3-12-22 84% of the Pollock harvest was completed. I checked Ravn web site today there is not any out bound reservations to Anchorage until March 28th and the tickets are very expensive one way \$650 nonrefundable \$700-\$800 one-way for refundable tickets. The Pacific Cod trawl season is also close too wrapping up with only 2,000MT left to harvest. The Freezer Longline CPs still have 17,000MT of A season cod to harvest. The state water 60'< pot cod fishery still has 16 million pounds to harvest. The Snow Crab fishery has 1.2 million pounds to harvest and the Golden King Crab fishery in the Western District has 600,000lbs still to harvest.

Pollock A season: The Pollock A season open on January 20th for the week ending on March 12th we had a harvest of 53,727MT (118 million pounds) putting the A season harvest at 403,739MT (889 million pounds) leaving 74,011MT (165 million pounds) to harvest, 84% of the A season allocation has been harvested. The season should be wrapped up in the next 5-7 days. The opening ex-vessel price on Pollock is averaging \$0.16 per pound putting the ex-vessel value of the A season at \$155 million without profit sharing amounts that will be figured in at the end of the season.

Pacific Cod: Pacific Cod has slowed down with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries have been completed. harvest through March 12, 2022, was 57,816MT (127 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,180MT. The A season harvest is at 57,816MT (in pounds one hundred-twenty-seven million pounds) leaving 70,046MT to harvest (in pounds 154 million) 39% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: harvested 2,037MT last week for the season 15,909MT from the A season allocation of 33,164MT leaving the A season allocation at 17,219MT to harvest 45% of the A season allocation has been harvested

Pacific Cod Trawl: this fishery will be opened on January 20,2022, with the A season allocation of 37,744MT the seasonal harvest for three sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 21,944MT Amendment 80 13,485MT At Sea fleet 2,315MT. We had a harvest through March 12th last week of 1,874MT harvested last week with 1,402MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 207MT and CV sector 265MT A season harvest stands at 27,363MT leaving 10,862MT of A season trawl cod to harvest 72.4% of the A season harvest has been harvested.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,879MT leaving 1,879MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

State Water Pot Cod <60' Under: the sixty' foot under pot vessels through March 21, 2022, fishing has been improving, the fishery is at 306 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 20.8million pounds leaving 16.3 million pounds still to harvest 56% of the harvest has been completed.

Amendment Eighty Bottom Trawl Sector: for the week ending on, March 12, 2022, fishing has picked up last week, the harvest came in at 11,628MT (25.6 million pounds) 1,500MT increase over last week's harvest. I assume the increase was due to catcher processors having finished there intown in offloads. The total harvest stands 68,347MT (150 million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest

Opilio Snow Crab 3-21-2022

The Snow crab fishery has slowed down, there are only six vessels still fishing due to leasing quota on multiple boats to be harvested. Through this morning the fleet has made one hundred-forty landings for 4.2 million pounds leaving 1.37 million pounds to harvest 80% of the allocation has been harvested. The catch per pot according to ADFG is between 130-140 crab; live weight average is particularly good at 1.3 lbs. large crab.

Bairdi Tanner Crab Western District 3-21-2022

Fishing has picked up the past two west in the Western District area in the Pribilof Islands is about done, and the fishery closes by regulation on March 31,2022. With ninety-four landings completed for 1.86 million pounds, leaving 17,000lbs. to harvest 94% of the allocation has been harvested. There are only one vessel still fishing the Tanner Crab allocation

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 3-21-2022

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, opened on August 1, 2021. The Eastern District is at 52 landings for 3.61 million pounds with 100% of the allocation harvested -4,788lbs. over the allocation. The Western District is at 28 landings an estimated 1.6 million pounds harvested leaving 600,000lbs to harvest 72% of the harvest is complete.

The total landings are at 78 for 5.15 million pounds the Golden King Crab allocation is 5.9 million pounds leaving 600,000 million pounds to harvest 88.1% of the harvest is completed. There were two landings from the Western District last week.

Halibut IFQ 3-21-2022

There have been 107 landings as of this morning for 488,677 lbs. leaving 19.8 million to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 2% of the allocation has been harvested only 150,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut Sitka leads the way with 77,569lbs. No Halibut CDQ activity yet. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$7.00-\$8.00 per pound with much the fish going to the fresh market.

Sablefish IFQ 3-21-2022

This fishery has had twenty landings as of this morning for 1.57 million lbs. leaving 54.8 million lbs. to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 3% of the allocation has been harvested, last week harvest came in at 500,000lbs. Port of landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way with 915,384lbs. Prices for Sablefish at the start of the season are in the \$5.00 to \$6.00 per pound based on size.

Overall Groundfish Harvest: The A season catch as of 3-12-2022 was 71,357MT (157.2 million pounds) a 3,600MT decrease over the previous weeks harvest, with much of the harvest 53,727MT was Pollock, (one eighteen billion pounds). The season totals are 540,266MT harvested (one billion one hundred ninety million pounds) leaving 1,312,964MMT (2.89 billion pounds) to harvest 29% of the overall annual harvest of 1,744,000MMT (3.8 billion pounds) has been taken.

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Inshore CV: this sector harvested 22,933MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the A season allocation 213,840MT 158,538MT has been harvested leaving 55,302MT of A season to harvest, with 74% of the A allocation having been harvested, and 33% of the seasonal harvest.

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 24,933MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the A season allocation is 171,072 the A season harvest stands at 163,590MT leaving 7,482MT of the A season allocation to harvest, 96% of the A season allocation has been taken and 43% of the seasonal allocation.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 5,548MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the A season harvest allocation is 42,768MT the A season harvest is at

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CDQ Sector: harvested last week was 486MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The A season allocation is 49,995MT with 49,844MT having been harvested, leaving 151MT of the A season to harvest 100% of the A season allocation has been taken and 45% of the annual allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch: last week harvest was 1,668MT for the season 10,136MT leaving 39,364MT to harvest 20% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: the bycatch total through 3-12-22 is 4,098 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week, the 2022 Chinook bycatch allocation is at 9% leaving 41,602 fish of the cap amount of 45,700 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is fifty-three fish.

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CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,961MT leaving -213MT cod allocation to harvest, -106% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 202MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 956MT. The A season remaining allocation is 65MT 44% of the A season allocation has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 6,955MT leaving -1,235MT over the of A season allocation 5,720MT to harvest 122 % of the A season allocation has been harvested.

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Amendment 80 Fisheries:

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Attachments

- 1.Harvest Data
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