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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for August 8th, 2022, Harvest Data.

Federal Water Groundfish Harvest catch as of 7-30-22 BSAI Crab, Halibut/Sablefish IFQ and State Water Pot Cod and Sablefish 8-8-22.

The Pollock B season kicked off on Friday June 10th at noon the first eight weeks of the fishery have gone very well, last three week have increases in the harvest amounts with low salmon bycatch. Last week's harvest was the largest of the Pollock B season 64,880MT (142 million lbs.) If fishing continues to stay strong the Pollock B season could wrap up before the end of August, at a rate of 58,000MT per week there is only three weeks left in the fishery, the unharvested amount is 196,000MT (433 million pounds). The Pollock B season allocation is set at 583,825MT of that the CV shoreside allocation is set at 262,000MT of that amount 166,000MT is the allocation for Unalaska shorebased plants in pounds (365,000 million pounds) putting the ex-vessel value at \$0.14 per pound at \$51 million dollars.

Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab Fisheries: The Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon today. The Eastern District is set at 3.32 million pounds. The Western District allocation is at 1.73 million pounds total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We except 5 vessels to be registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$70-80 million dollar range. A State of Alaska cost recovery delivery of Golden King Crab was made last week 85,000lbs were landed, the first IFQ landing should be coming in early next week. The Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery may not open on October 15, 2022, preliminary information is the overall fishery is still declining the major problem is the female crab stock the survey preliminary information shows the stock well under the threshold level of 8.4 million animals needed for the fishery to open. This will be ADFG decision when the survey data is more formalized. The surveys vessels are still working the Snow crab fishing grounds and I haven't heard any preliminary information on Snow Crab and Tanner Crab stocks. We will probably hear something in the next couple of weeks. The Bering Sea North Peninsula Dungeness catch has been increasing with thirty-four landings from eleven vessels for 873,410lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered. We have the

price for Dungeness is in \$4.00 to \$5.00 dollar range, there is no set allocation for this fishery.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 7-30-2022: the B season harvest last week was 73,337MT (161 million pounds) a 5,500MT increase over the previous weeks harvest, due to the Pollock B season harvest increasing. Much of the harvest last week was Pollock 64,880MT (142 million pounds) The season totals are 1.218MMT harvested (2.68 billion pounds) leaving 635,828MT (1.40 billion pounds) to harvest; 66% of the overall annual harvest of 1,853,230MMT (4.08 billion pounds) has been harvested.

Pollock: 7-30-2022: the Pollock B season open on June 10th for last week we had a harvest of 64,880MT (142 million lbs.) the highest harvest amount of the Pollock B season. The total B season harvest is at 391,500MT (861 million pounds) leaving 196,482MT (433 million pounds) to harvest, 67% of the B season allocation has been harvested. The onshore sector has much of the B season allocation harvested to date 182,000MT. The A/B season harvest stands at 864,453MT (1.90 billion pounds) 81% of the seasonal Pollock allocation leaving 196,482MT to harvest in pounds (433 million lbs.) It is projected that the fishery will be completed in three weeks.

Inshore CV: this sector harvested 26,462MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 475,200MT the B season allocation 261,360MT the B season harvest is at 182,813MT (402 million lbs.) leaving 80,068MT of B season to harvest, with 70% of the B allocation having been harvested; 83% of the seasonal harvest has been completed total A/B harvest is 395,132MT (870 million pounds).

At Sea Processors: At Sea sector harvested 20,352MT last week, the seasonal harvest is 380,160MT the B season allocation is 209,088 the B season harvest stands at 144,001MT (317 million lbs.) leaving 65,738MT of the B season allocation to harvest, 69% is completed. The A/B season harvest is at 314,422MT (692 million pounds) 83% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

Mothership Sector: harvested last week was 6,365MT the seasonal harvest is at 95,040MT the B season harvest allocation is 52,272MT the B season harvest is at 32,749MT (72 million lbs.) leaving 20,816MT of B season allocation to harvest 63% of the B season allocation has been harvested, and the A/B season harvest is at 74,244MT (163 million pounds) 73% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

CDQ Sector: Harvested last week was 12,032MT the seasonal harvest is 111,100MT. The B season allocation is 61,105MT with 31,396MT (69 million lbs.) having been harvested, leaving 29,860MT of the B season to harvest 51% of the B season allocation has been taken. The A/B harvest is at 81,240MT (179 million pounds) and 73% of the annual allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Last week harvest was 588MT for the season 26,745MT leaving 22,755MT to harvest 54% the annual allocation has been harvested.

Salmon bycatch: The bycatch total through 7-30-22 is 5,738 Chinook salmon taken as bycatch for the week. Chinook bycatch allocation is at 12% leaving 39,384 fish of the cap amount of 46,500 fish. Chum salmon, the season total a is 63,814 fish.

Pacific Cod: 7-30-2022: Pacific Cod fishery continues to be slow with the closer of three of the pot cod vessels fisheries and trawl harvest mostly bycatch with Pollock. The freezer longline sector is the driving force for the Pacific Cod harvest with about 80% of the weekly harvest, last week harvest was 2,071MT (4.5 million pounds) from the total allocation of 147,468MT this includes CDQ allocation. The A season harvest is at 102,406MT (225 million pounds) leaving 45,063MT to harvest (993,188lbs). including CDQ 68% of the Pacific Cod allocation has been harvested.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,764MT last week for the season 46,098MT from the A/B season allocation of 65,027MT leaving the A/B season allocation at 18,9291MT to harvest, 71% of the A/B season allocation has been harvested.

Pacific Cod Trawl: This fishery will be opened on January 20,2022, with the A/B season allocation of 50,722MT the seasonal harvest for three sectors is CV (catcher vessels) 22,926MT Amendment 80 12,166MT At Sea fleet 2,097MT. We had a harvest through July 30th, 2022, last week of 249MT harvested last week with 148MT from the Amendment 80 sector, At Sea 9MT and CV sector 92MT A/B season harvest stands at 37,720MT leaving 13,004MT of A/B/C season trawl cod to harvest 74% of the A/B/C season harvest has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,971MT leaving -254MT cod allocation to harvest, -107% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod for the season 1,070MT. The A season remaining allocation is 933MT 53% 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.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest 10MT last week for the season 7,597MT from an allocation of 15,689MT leaving 8,092MT 40% of the CDQ harvest has been taken.

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 8-8-2022: the sixty' foot under pot vessels fishing, there was one landing made last week the fishery is still open. The fishery is at 545 landings from twenty-nine vessels for 34.99 million pounds leaving 2.2 million pounds still to harvest 94% of the harvest of 37.196 million pounds has been completed. ADFG

states one vessel currently fishing this allocation. We expect more vessels to fish this allocation on September 1st, 2022.

Amendment 80 Fisheries Bottom Trawl Sector 7-30-2022: The Amendment 80 sector for the week ending on, July 23rd fishing continues to be slow, last week harvest was 3,672MT (8.09 million pounds) 1,500MT decrease over last week's harvest. The total harvest stands 218,027MT (480million pounds) of various species including the CDQ harvest. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 91,846MT, Rock Sole 15,808MT Alaska Plaice, 6,814MT, Flathead Sole 11,470MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 4,452MT, Kamchatka Flounder 6,082MT other Flatfish 1,719MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 19,650MT Atka Mackerel 38,472MT, Octopus, 184MT Skate 18,721MT Greenland Turbot, 849MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,960MT.

State Water Golden King Crab Fisheries 8-8-2022:

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery, reopened on August 1, 2022, at noon today. There has been one landing in this fishery for the State of Alaska of cost recovery crab 85,000lbs. were landed, which was 50% of the cost recovery program allocation. ADFG expects the first IFQ landings by the early next week. The Eastern District allocation is set at 3,32 million pounds. The Western District allocation is set at 1,73 million pounds total harvest including CDQ is set at 5.05 million pounds. We except 5 vessels to be registered for this fishery. Ex-vessel value of the fishery may be in the \$70-80 million dollar range for the 5.0-million-pound allocation.

Dungeness Crab 8-8-2022: The Bering Sea North Peninsula catch has been increasing with thirty-four landings from eleven vessels for 873,410lbs. ADFG are expecting at least fifteen vessels to fish this season last year only seven vessels have registered. The South Peninsula fishery has fifteen vessels registered to fish, so far sixty-two landings for 242,873lbs. from that area.

Halibut IFQ 8-8-2022:

There have been 1,986 landings as of this morning for 9.45 million pounds leaving 10.8 million pounds to harvest from the seasonal allocation of 20.3 million lbs. 47% of the allocation has been harvested just over 900,000lbs were landed last week. Port of landings of Halibut, Seward leads the way with 1.25 million pounds. followed by Homer 1.23 million pounds. There has been Halibut CDQ, sixty-nine landings for 261,300lbs leaving 950,700lbs. to harvest 22% of the allocation has been taken. IFQ landings to Unalaska, but they are still in the confidential category. Starting ex-vessel prices for are remarkably high in \$6.00-\$6.50 per pound depending on fish size with much of the fish still going to the fresh market.

Sablefish IFQ 8-8-2022:

This fishery has had 1,257 landings as of this morning for 25.4 million lbs. leaving 30.9 million lbs. to harvest, from the seasonal allocation of 56.4 million lbs. 45% of the allocation has been harvested. Last week harvest came in at 900,000lbs, fishing continues to be strong in most areas. Port of Landings of Sablefish, Sitka leads the way

with 4.7million pounds landed, followed by Seward at 4.1 million pounds. Landing to Unalaska have been made but landings amount is still confidential. Prices for Sablefish at the start of the season are in the \$5.00 to \$6.00 per pound based on size of the fish 1/2 2/3-pound fish are in \$1.50-\$2.00 range.

Alaska State Water Aleutian Island Sablefish 8-8-2022: This fishery just came off the confidential list, there are twenty-one vessels registered to fish and they have made sixty-six landing for 1,131million lbs. so far leaving 160,562lbs. to harvest 88% of the allocation is harvested. The closure announcement will probably be in the next two weeks.

Unalaska Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 8-8-2022: The harvest this season is at 2,200ST (4.4 million lbs.) the fishery is still open, but no one is fishing. The quota for this season was 4,400ST 50% of the allocation has been harvested.

Regards

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Attachments:

- 1.Groundfish Harvest Data
2. NOAA Reports

