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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for October 21, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 10-12-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, State Water Sablefish, Golden King Crab, Dungeness Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 10-21-2024

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the groundfish fisheries are getting close to wrapping up of the year. The Bering Sea Crab fisheries open at noon on Tuesday October 15th ADFG expects thirty-five vessels to fish the Bristol Bay Red King Crab 2.3 million lbs. and Tanner Crab fishery 6.27 million lbs. As of today, Tanner Crab allocation. We still have the Golden King Crab fishery, as well as the Pacific Cod freezer longline fleet and Pot Cod vessels fishing. The Amendment 80 Bottom trawl fleet will fish until November 1st when all trawling closes by regulations unless they are fishing for CDQ allocation.

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Overall Groundfish Harvest 10-12-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week 10-12-24, was 11,627MT (25.6 million pounds) decrease of 4,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock, and bottom fish harvest sectors decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,656,637MMT (3.65 billion lbs.) leaving 333,908MT

(735,933 million lbs.) 83% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 10-12-2024: The Pollock B season harvest for last week 10-12-24 came in at 2,256 (4.97 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 678,125MT (1.49 billion lbs.) 97.7% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 23,200MT (51.13 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.224MMT (2.699billion lbs.) 94.2% of the 1.30 MMT harvest of (2.85 billion lbs.). Last week's harvest came from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 2,256MT (4.97 million lbs.) It looks like we have possible 1or 2 catcher vessels still fishing but the A/B season is leaving 38,927MT of Pollock unharvested (85.7 million lbs.) most of it from the At Sea Processor Factory Trawlers 35,502MT.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 2,256MT (4.97million lbs.) last week, leaving 2,626MT (5.78 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 103% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 563,214MT (1.24 billion lbs.) 100%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

At Sea CP Fleet: the catcher processors harvested 0MT (661,120lbs.) last week, leaving 35,512MT (78.2 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation. The B season allocation is 91% harvested. The total A/B Pollock harvest is 417,160MT (919.4 million lbs.) 92% A/B Pollock season of 452,672MT has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 0 MT last week. Leaving 711MT (1.567 million lbs.) to harvest of the B season allocation of 62,532MT 100% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 112,457MT (247.8million lbs.) 99% A/B Pollock season of 113,168MT has been harvested.

CDQ: this sector harvested 0MT last week. Leaving 87MT 72,399MT (191,748 lbs.) 100% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 131,813MT (290.5 million lbs.) 100%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT have been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 10-12-2024: the harvest last week was 791MT for the season 43,506MT (95.8 million lbs.) leaving 6,744MT (14.8 million lbs.) to harvest 87% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 10-12-24: Chinook bycatch last week was sixty-six fish for a season total of 7,761 fish leaving 37,939 fish remaining 17% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch for the Pollock B season is 36,500 fish for the season this much lower than previous years on Chum salmon bycatch which in past 4-5 years ago were in 200,000 to 450,000 fish range.

Pacific Cod: 10-12-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for 10-12-24 came in at 1,279MT (2.81million lbs.) for the A season is 115,264MT (254 million lbs.) 74.2% of the

allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 40,569MT (89.4 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 930MT (2.04 million lbs.) last week for the season 54,641MT (120.4 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation 12,729MT (28.0 million lbs.) to harvest, 81% of the A/B season allocation of 67,370MT has been harvested by this sector.

Pacific Cod Trawl: The trawl fishery opened on January 20, 2024. With an A/B season allocation of 52,602MT (115.9 million pounds) We had a harvest of 148MT for last week (326,192lbs.) for the season 40,995MT (90.35 million lbs.) through October 12, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 140MT At Sea 1MT and CV sector 8MT. (leaving 11,633MT (25.6 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 78% of the A/B season allocation of 52,602MT has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 57MT last week for the season 5,615MT (12.3 million lbs.) leaving 1,269MT cod allocation to harvest, 82% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod, for the season 0MT. The A season remaining allocation is 2,075MT 0% of the A season allocation of 2,075MT has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 53MT last week for the season 4,772MT (10.5 million lbs.) leaving 6,848MT (15.0 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 41% of the A/B season allocation of 11,620MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 64MT (141,056 lbs.) last week, for the season 8,873MT (19.55million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 7,704MT (16.97million lbs.) 52% of the A/B season CDQ harvest have been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 98MT leaving 98MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 10-12-2024. The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 10-12-24 increased by 1,200MT to 7,903MT (17.4million lbs.). The total harvest stands 266,446MT (587.2million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species totals are as follows. Yellowfin Sole 65,766MT, Rock Sole 26,170MT Alaska Plaice, 9,711MT, Flathead Sole 11,703MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 9,218MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,848MT other Flatfish 2,971MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 40,828MT Atka Mackerel 66,571MT, Octopus 226MT Skate 23,580MT Greenland Turbot, 759MT and Sablefish Trawl 4,090MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 10-21-2024: The state water Pacific Cod fishery has had 414 landings for 40.3 million lbs. leaving 4.08 million lbs. to harvest, 91% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million lbs. There were no

landings last week, and no vessels are currently fishing. But on September 1st federal waters reopen for Pacific Cod sector we may see some activity in State waters when the federal water fishery of 1,764MT closes. There were no landings in the State Water fishery last week.

Halibut 10-21-24: The Halibut IFQ season opens on March 15, 2024, at noon, through 10-21-24 we have had 2,900 landings for landings for 12.8 million lbs. leaving 4.4 million lbs. to harvest; 74% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 243 landings for 337,338lbs. leaving 836,662 lbs. to harvest, 29% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs. completed no landing last week. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 3.31 million lbs. Kodiak, at 1.42 million lbs. Halibut landings have been made in Unalaska but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Halibut.

Sablefish 10-21-24: The Sablefish IFQ fishery open on March 15th through 10-21-24 we have been 1,639 Sablefish landings 32.3 million lbs. leaving 28.4 million lbs. to harvest 53% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 6.47 million lbs. followed by Seward 5.43 million lbs. Sablefish landing have been made in Unalaska, but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Sablefish.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 10-21-24: Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish fishery through 10-21-24 there are ten vessels fishing. They have made sixty-seven landings for 702,727lbs. leaving 2.03 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.27 million lbs. allocation 26% of the harvest has been taken. There were three landing made last week.

North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest 10-21-24: North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest; through 10-14-24 we have seen fifty-seven landings from eleven vessels for 991,123lbs average weight per crab is 2.17 lbs. CPUE 8 crab per pot. There were no landings last week.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 10-21-24: Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 10-21-24 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 has also been three CDQ landing and 24 IFQ landing from the Eastern District, and 4 IFQ landing from the Western District and two CDQ landings the total poundage for landing of IFQ and CDQ, the amount landed is confidential but estimated slightly more than 2.6 million lbs. That leaves and estimated 2.2 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab 10-21-24: As of this morning we have three Red King Crab landing in Unalaska. The amounts are still confidential, but ADFG that the fleet has a high CPUE, and the crab are exceptionally cleaned shell product, the price to the harvesters is north of \$20 per pound, thirty vessels are fishing.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab 10-21-24: No landing of Tanner Crab landing reported yet.

Misc. Items: I had meeting on Thursday October 17, 2024, with the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation Board of Directors. As always, we took care of the housekeeping issues approving the minutes and the financials we still have about \$1.1 million in reserves and are expecting some crab disaster funding coming in November or early December that will be used in 2025 for some Snow Crab projects using a trawl vessels and a pot vessels surveys and habitat work. Executive Director Goodman gave and update on the NPFMC October Meeting in Anchorage on the decisions made on the crab allocations you are all aware of allocations the major surprise was the 4.7-million-pound Snow Crab fishery that traditionally is fished in January. The Tanner Crab and Red King Crab fishery opened on October 15th and landings of Red King Crab are starting to arrive in Unalaska right now. We also received and updated on the ADFG industry meeting held in Unalaska and other locations on October 11th, 2024.

Executive Director Goodman gave the Board and update on Research Planning for 2025 season including Opilio Snow Crab projects, with pot and trawl work, including hopefully the use of the ADFG Cam-Sled with the high definition cameras to work on the Snow crab grounds to see mating crab, area of juveniles crab and habitat concerns. We also have installed underwater cameras on Red King Crab pots this season we to Red King activity in the pots and what goes on inside the pots. The BSFRF science committee is meeting weekly on research issues including funding options and partners that could assist with funding and science personal that could assist in projects. It was a short meeting the board adjourned 11:00AM Thursday morning.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo
2. Harvest Data