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**To:** City Manager William Homka, Deputy City Manager Marjorie Veeder, Patricia Soule, Karen Magdaong, Michelle Price, Mayor Vince Tutikaoff, and Unalaska City Council

**From:** Frank Kelty, Unalaska Fisheries Consultant

**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for October 28, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 10-19-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, State Water Sablefish, Golden King Crab, Dungeness Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 10-28-2024

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the groundfish fisheries are getting close to wrapping up of the year. The trawl sector closes on November 1<sup>st</sup> the Halibut IFQ Halibut and Sablefish IFQ both close on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Bering Sea Crab fisheries open at noon on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>. ADFG expects thirty vessels to fish the Bristol Bay Red King Crab 2.3 million lbs. and Tanner Crab fishery 6.27 million lbs. As of this morning we have 47 Red King Crab landings in Unalaska. The amounts as of this today is 1.35 million lbs. leaving 959,000 lbs. to harvest 58% of the 2.3 million lbs. harvest is completed. ADFG has stated 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, about seven vessels are fishing the last million lbs. of Red King Crab. No landing of Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska yet there are twenty vessels that just switched over to Tanner Crab we should see landing later this week, the observers on board on the vessels the Tanner Crab vessels stated that fishing is slow.

The Pollock B season harvest for last week 10-19-24 came in at 1,834 (4.04 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 679,959MT (1.49 billion lbs.) 98.0% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 21,366MT (47.09 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.225MMT (2.70 billion lbs.) 94.5% 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 1,834MT (4.04 million lbs.) It looks like we have possible one catcher vessels still fishing for 793MT left to harvest in the shoreside allocation. The A/B season is leaving 37,892MT of Pollock unharvested (83.5 million lbs.) most of it from the At Sea Processor Factory Trawlers 35,508MT.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 10-19-24 came in at 1,487MT (3.2million lbs.) for the A season is 116,751MT (257 million lbs.) 74.8% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 39,082MT (86.1 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 10-19-24 increased by 1,200MT to 8,752MT (19.2million lbs.). The total harvest stands 275,198MT (606.5million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

**Overall Groundfish Harvest 10-19-2024:** The Groundfish harvest for the last week 10-12-24, was 12,753MT (28.1 million pounds) increase of 1,000MT from the previous week harvest due to bottom fish harvest sectors increased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,669,408MMT (3.67 billion lbs.) leaving 321,137MT (707,859 million lbs.) 84% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

**Bering Sea B Season Pollock 10-19-2024:** The Pollock B season harvest for last week 10-19-24 came in at 1,834 (4.04 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 679,959MT (1.49 billion lbs.) 98.0% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 21,366MT (47.09 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.225MMT (2.70 billion lbs.) 94.5% 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 1,834MT (4.04 million lbs.) It looks like we have possible one catcher vessels still fishing for 793MT left to harvest. The A/B season is leaving 37,892MT of Pollock unharvested (83.5 million lbs.) most of it from the At Sea Processor Factory Trawlers 35,508MT.

**Inshore CV:** the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 1,834MT (4.04million lbs.) last week, leaving 793MT (1.74 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 103% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 565,047MT (1.25 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 10-19-2024:** the harvest last week was 524MT for the season 44,033MT (97.04 million lbs.) leaving 6,217MT (13.7 million lbs.) to harvest 88% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon Bycatch 10-19-24:** Chinook bycatch last week was sixty-four fish for a season total of 7,825 fish leaving 37,875 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: 10-19-2024:** The total Pacific Cod harvest for 10-12-24 came in at 1,487MT (3.2million lbs.) for the A season is 116,751MT (257 million lbs.) 74.8% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 39,082MT (86.1 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,067MT (2.35 million lbs.) last week for the season 55,708MT (122.7 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation 11,662MT (25.7 million lbs.) to harvest, 83% 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 227MT for last week (500,308bs.) for the season 41,222MT (90.85 million lbs.) through October 12, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector 204MT At Sea 7MT and CV sector 10MT. (leaving 11,406MT (25.13 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 78.8% of the A/B season allocation of 52,602MT has been harvested.

**CV Pot/HL < 60'ft:** harvested 64MT last week for the season 5,679MT (12.51million lbs.) leaving 1,205MT 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 57MT last week for the season 5,679MT (12.5 million lbs.) leaving 6,776MT (14.9 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 42% of the A/B season allocation of 11,620MT has been harvested.

**Pacific Cod CDQ:** had a harvest of 57MT (125,628lbs.) last week, for the season 8,921MT (19.66million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 7,647MT (16.85million lbs.) 5.38% 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 10-19-2024.** The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 10-19-24 increased by 1,200MT to 8,752MT (19.2million lbs.). The total harvest stands 275,198MT (606.5million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species totals are as follows. Yellowfin Sole 70,207MT, Rock Sole 27,049MT Alaska

Plaice, 9,741MT, Flathead Sole 11,642MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 9,473MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,859MT other Flatfish 2,994MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 42,499MT Atka Mackerel 67,641MT, Octopus 235MT Skate 23,976MT Greenland Turbot, 761MT and Sablefish Trawl 4,121MT.

**State Water Pacific Cod 60' < Pot Boats 10-28-2024:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> federal waters reopen for Pacific Cod sector we may see some activity in State waters when the federal water fishery of 1,764MT closes. The state water fishery remains open.

**Halibut 10-28-24:** The Halibut IFQ season opens on March 15, 2024, at noon, through 10-28-24 we have had 2,974 landings for landings for 13.1 million lbs. leaving 4.09 million lbs. to harvest; 76% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 245 landings for 345,927bs. leaving 828,073lbs. to harvest, 29% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs. completed two landings last week. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 3.39 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 10-28-24:** The Sablefish IFQ fishery open on March 15<sup>th</sup> through 10-28-24 we have been 1,704 Sablefish landings 33.4 million lbs. leaving 27.3 million lbs. to harvest 55% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 6.71 million lbs. followed by Seward 5.48 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 10-28-24:** Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish fishery through 10-28-24 there are twelfth vessels fishing. They have made seventy - three landings for 717,619lbs. leaving 1.988 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.27 million lbs. allocation 27% of the harvest has been taken. There were two landings made last week.

**North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest 10-28-24:** 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. The Dungeness season is closed for the rest of the year.

**Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 10-28-24:** 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 34 IFQ landing from the Eastern District, and Western Districts and two CDQ landings the total poundage for landing of IFQ and CDQ, combined the exact amount is confidential but estimated

slightly more than 2.8 million lbs. That leaves and estimated 2.0 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation.

**Bristol Bay Red King Crab 10-28-24:** As of this morning we have 47 Red King Crab landings in Unalaska. The amounts as of this morning 1.35 million lbs. leaving 959,000 lbs. to harvest 58% of the 2.3 million lbs. harvest is competed. ADFG has stated 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, about seven vessels are fishing the last million lbs. of Red King Crab.

**Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab 10-28-24:** No landing of Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska yet.

**Misc. Items:** No meetings last week.

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo
2. Harvest Data
3. NOAA Reports
4. ADFG Crab Report for 10-27-24