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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

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for November 18, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 11-9-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, State Water Sablefish, Golden King Crab, Bristol Bay Red King Crab Tanner Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 11-18-2024

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the groundfish fisheries are getting close to wrapping up of the year, the trawl sector closed on November 1, 2024. Halibut IFQ Halibut and Sablefish IFQ both close on December 7, 2024. There is still a small amount Pacific Cod being harvested. The Bering Sea Crab fisheries open at noon on Tuesday October 15th. The Bristol Bay Red King Crab 2.3 million lbs. is complete. As of this morning we have 126 IFQ and CDQ landings of Bristol Bay Red King Crab landings in Unalaska. The amounts as of this morning are 2.31 million lbs. leaving -1,941lbs. to harvest 100% of the 2.3 million lbs. allocation has been harvested. ADFG has stated that the fleet has a high CPUE, 30 crab per pot average, and the crabs are exceptionally clean shell crab product at 6.7 lbs. live weight average. The ex-vessel price to the harvesters is north of \$20 per pound, about one vessel still fishing the last 20,000lbs. of Bristol Bay Red King Crab.

We have twenty-seven Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, for an estimated 631,000 lbs. leaving 1.13 million lbs. still available to harvest in the Eastern District. ADFG expects twenty to twenty-five vessels to fish for the Tanner allocation. There are 2 are 3 fishing vessels fishing the Western District Tanner district no landing have been made as of yet from the allocation of 4.3 million lbs.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, there have also been 46 IFQ landings from the Eastern District, and Western Districts and three CDQ landings. 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 3.3 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.2 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation

The Pollock B season harvest last week 11-9 -24 came in at 0MT for the season for the B season Pollock is at 680,163MT (1.499 billion lbs.) 103% of the B season harvest has been caught the season is closed. The A/B season total harvest is at 1,225MMT (2.70 billion lbs.) 94.4% of the 1.30 MMT harvest (2.85 billion lbs.). Last week's harvest came

from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 145MT (319,580lbs.) The A/B season leaves 37,525MT of Pollock unharvested (82.7 million lbs.) most of it from the At Sea Processor Factory Trawlers 35,508MT. The Pollock B season fishery closed on November 1,2024

The total Pacific Cod harvest for last week came in at 1,354MT (2.98 million lbs.) for the season A/B is 119,144MT (310 million lbs.) 76.5% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 35,335MT (77.8 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 11-9-24 decreased by 1,300MT to 6,225MT (13.7million lbs.). The total harvest stands 298,079(656 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 11-9-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 9,546MT (21.0 million pounds) decrease of 1,000MT from the previous week harvest due to bottom fish harvest sectors decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,689,978MMT (3.72 billion lbs.) leaving 300,567MT (662 million lbs.) 85% of the A/B harvest allocation is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 11-9-2024: The Pollock B season harvest for last week 11-9-24 came in at 0MT the Pollock B season is closed. Pollock B season totals are at 680,163MT (1.499 billion lbs.) 103% of the B season harvest has been caught. The A/B season total harvest is at 1,225MMT (2.70 billion lbs.) 94.4% of the 1.30 MMT harvest (2.85 billion lbs.). The A/B season leaves 37,525MT of Pollock unharvested (82.7 million lbs.) most of it from the At Sea Processor Factory Trawlers 35,508MT. The Pollock B season fishery closed on November 1,2024

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 0MT last week, leaving 426MT (938,904 lbs.) to harvest from the B season allocation 321,628MT (708 million lbs.) 103% of the B season allocation of 311,212MT has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 565,414MT (1.24 billion lbs.) 100%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested. The fishery closed on November 1,2024.

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. The fishery closed on November 1, 2024.

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. The fishery closed on November 1,2024.

CDQ: this sector harvested 0MT last week. Leaving 87MT 72,399MT (191,748 lbs.) 100% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 131,813MT (290.5 million lbs.) 100%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT has been harvested. The fishery closed on November 1, 2024.

Pollock Incidental Catch 11-9-2024: the harvest last week was 1,460MT for season 46,408MT (102.02 million lbs.) leaving 3,842MT (8.46 million lbs.) to harvest 90% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 11-9-24: Chinook bycatch last week was 47 fish for a season total of 7,911 fish leaving 37,789 fish remaining 17% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch for the Pollock B season is 37,000 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: 11-9-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for last week came in at 1,354MT (2.98 million lbs.) for the season A/B is 119,144MT (310 million lbs.) 76.5% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 35,335MT (77.8 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 837MT (1.84 million lbs.) last week for the season 58,148MT (128.15million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation 9,833MT (21.6 million lbs.) to harvest, 86% 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 335MT for last week (738,340lbs.) for the season 42,048MT (92.6 million lbs.) through November 9, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector 298MT At Sea 16MT and CV sector 21MT. (leaving 10,580MT (23.3 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 79.9% of the A/B season allocation of 52,602MT has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 5,719MT (12.60million lbs.) leaving 1,165MT cod allocation to harvest, 77% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

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

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 5,719MT (12.6 million lbs.) leaving 6,120MT (13.4 million lbs.) of the season allocation has been harvested 44% of the A/B season allocation of 11,620MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 171MT (376,884lbs.) last week, for the season 9,290MT (20.4million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 7,288MT (16.06million lbs.) 55.7% of the A/B season CDQ harvest has 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 11-9-2024. The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 11-9-24 decreased by 1,300MT to 6,225MT (13.7million lbs.). The total harvest stands 298,079(656 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species totals are as follows. Yellowfin Sole 81,208MT, Rock Sole 29,136MT Alaska Plaice, 10,085MT, Flathead Sole 12,199MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 9,901MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,913MT other Flatfish 3,070MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 45,840MT Atka Mackerel 71,510MT, Octopus 240MT Skate 24,991MT Greenland Turbot, 768MT and Sablefish Trawl 4,218MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 11-18-2024: The state water Pacific Cod fishery has had 416 landings for 40.37 million lbs. leaving 4.05 million lbs. to harvest, 91% of the allocation has been harvested from 44.4 million lbs. There were no landings made last week, we have a two vessels checked into this fishery. The Pacific Cod State water fishery remains open; possibly into late December if there is some fishing effort. There were no landings made last week.

Halibut 11-18-24: The Halibut IFQ season opens on March 15, 2024, at noon, through 11-11-24 we have had 3,112 landings for landings for 13.6 million lbs. leaving 3.64 million lbs. to harvest; 79% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 246 landings for 349,367lbs. leaving 824,633lbs. to harvest, 30% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs. completed one landing last week. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 3.52million lbs. Kodiak, at 1.59 million lbs. Halibut landings have been made in Unalaska, but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Halibut. The season closes on December 7, 2024

Sablefish 11-18-24: The Sablefish IFQ fishery opens on March 15th through 11-18-24. We have had 1,800 Sablefish landings, 34.95 million lbs. leaving 25.8 million lbs. to harvest 58% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 7.1 million lbs. followed by Seward 5.66 million lbs. Sablefish landing have been made in Unalaska, but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Sablefish. The season closes on December 7, 2024

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 11-18-24: Aleutian Island State Sablefish fishery through 11-11-24 there are thirteen vessels fishing. They have made eighty-five landings for 888,625lbs. leaving 1.81 million lbs. to harvest, from the 2.27 million lbs. allocation, 30% of the harvested. There was no landing made last week.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 11-18-24: Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 11-18-24 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 have also been 46 IFQ landings from the Eastern District, and Western Districts and three CDQ landings. 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 3.3 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.5 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation. There was two Golden King Crab landing last week.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab 11-18-24: As of this morning we have 126 IFQ and CDQ landings Bristol Bay Red King Crab landings in Unalaska. The amounts as of this morning are 2.31 million lbs. leaving -1,941 lbs. over the harvest 100% of the 2.31 million lbs. allocation has been harvested. ADFG has stated that the fleet has a high CPUE, and the crabs are exceptionally clean shell crab, the price to the harvesters is north of \$20 per pound, about one vessel still fishing the last 20,000lbs. of Bristol Bay Red King Crab.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab 11-18-24: We have twenty-seven Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, for an estimated 631,000 lbs. leaving 1.13 million lbs. still available in the Eastern District. ADFG expects twenty vessels to fish for the Tanner allocation. There are no landing from the Western District Tanner allocation of 4.3 million lbs. as of yet.

Misc. Items: The Regional Landing Requirement Exemption Contract Committee met for an hour and a half on a Draft compensation agreement for the community of St Paul with the loss of 1.6 million pounds of Northern Region Snow Crab that will have to be processed in the South Community of Unalaska for the 2024-2025 since the Saint Paul Trident plant is unable to operate this season due to the small allocation. We have draft agreement that is being reviewed at this time by harvesters, processors, and the communities. Some of the highlights of the agreement is the harvesters will be asked to cover the 3.5% Landing /Sales tax Saint Paul has. The Alaska Fisheries Business State Shared Tax of 3% which 1.5% would come to Unalaska the amount of tax dollars for the 1.6 million pounds of Northern Region AK Fisheries Tax would be forwarded back to Saint Paul by the City of Unalaska and Saint Paul would provide funding to cover the administrative costs for doing this work. The 3% Unalaska sales tax from the sale of goods and services sold, to vessels making deliveries of Northern Region Snow Crab would stay with Unalaska.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo
2. Harvest Data
3. NOAA Reports