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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 25, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 11-16-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, State Water Sablefish, Golden King Crab, Bristol Bay Red King Crab Tanner Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 11-25-2024

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the groundfish fisheries are getting close to wrapping up for the year, the trawl Pollock and Pacific Cod sectors 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 as well as some CDQ Yellowfin and Rock Sole. We also have the Tanner Crab and Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fisheries on going.

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, thirty crabs per pot average, and the crabs are exceptionally clean shell crab products at 6.7 lbs. live weight average. The ex-vessel price for the harvesters is north of \$20 per pound.

We have forty- two Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 973,639 lbs. leaving 796,361 lbs. still available in the Eastern District. ADFG expects twenty vessels to fish for the Tanner allocation. There has been one landing so far from the Western District Tanner Crab allocation of 4.3 million lbs. The amount is confidential.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, there have also been 42 IFQ landings from the Eastern District, 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 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.

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has been caught and 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 1,179MT (2.59 million lbs.) for season A/B is 120,323MT (265 million lbs.) 77% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 34,156MT (75 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 11-16-24 decreased by 2,100MT to 4,290MT (9.4million lbs.). The total harvest stands 302,369MT (666 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 11-16-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 6,054MT (13.3 million pounds) decrease of 3,000MT from the previous week harvest due to bottom fish harvest sectors decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,740,284MMT (3.83 billion lbs.) leaving 250,261MT (551 million lbs.) 87% of the A/B harvest allocation is complete from 1,990,545MMT allocation (4.38 billion lbs.).

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 11-16-2024: 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 11-16-2024: the harvest last week was 460MT for season 46,868MT (103 million lbs.) leaving 3,392MT (7.4million lbs.) to harvest 95% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 11-16-24: Chinook bycatch last week was forty-seven 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: 11-16-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for last week came in at 1,179MT (2.59 million lbs.) for season A/B is 120,323MT (265 million lbs.) 77% of the allocation of 155,833MT has been harvested leaving 34,156MT (75 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 648MT (1.4 million lbs.) last week for season 58,796MT (129.58million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation 9,218MT (20.3million lbs.) to harvest, 87% 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 189MT for last week (416,556lbs.) for the season 42,237MT (93.09 million lbs.) through November 16, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector 143MT At Sea 11MT and CV sector 35MT. (leaving 9,314MT (20.5 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 81% 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 121MT were harvested last week of B season Cod, for the season 121MT. The A season's remaining allocation is 1,954MT 6% 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 217MT (478,268lbs.) last week, for season 9,507MT (20.9million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 7,071MT (15.58million lbs.) 56% 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 11-16-2024. The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week 11-16-24 decreased by 2,100MT to 4,290MT (9.4million lbs.). The total harvest stands 302,369(666 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species totals are as follows. Yellowfin Sole 83,540MT, Rock Sole 29,267MT Alaska Plaice, 10,153MT, Flathead Sole 12,358MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 10,013MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,922MT other Flatfish 3,088MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 46,850MT Atka Mackerel 71,735MT, Octopus 240MT Skate 25,200MT Greenland Turbot, 768MT and Sablefish Trawl 4,235MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 11-125-2024: 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 two vessels checked into this fishery. The Pacific Cod State water fishery remains open until late December if there is some fishing effort. There were no landings made last week.

Halibut 11-25-24: The Halibut IFQ season opens on March 15, 2024, at noon, through 11-25-24 we have had 3,132 landings for landings for 13.73 million lbs. leaving 3.55 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 no landing were made last week. The leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 3.52million lbs. Kodiak, at 1.61 million lbs. Halibut landings have been made in Unalaska, but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Halibut. The Halibut season closes on December 7, 2024

Sablefish 11-25-24: The Sablefish IFQ fishery opens on March 15th through 11-25-24. We have had 1,817 Sablefish landings, 35.35 million lbs. leaving 25.44 million lbs. to harvest 58% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 7.19 million lbs. followed by Seward 5.79 million lbs. Sablefish landing have been made in Unalaska, we have finally received landing information 132 landings for 4.1 million lbs. landed in Unalaska that is 8% of 35 million lbs. of Sablefish landed this season statewide. The Sablefish season closes on December 7, 2024

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 11-25-24: Aleutian Island State Sablefish fishery through 11-11-24 there are thirteen vessels fishing. They have made eighty-six landings for 849,241lbs. leaving 1.85 million lbs. to harvest, from the 2.27 million lbs. allocation, 31% of the harvest is complete. There was one landing made last week.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 11-25-24: Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 11-25-24 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 43 IFQ landings and 3 CDQ from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. 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 3.32 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.48million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation. There was one Golden King Crab delivery last week.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab 11-25-24: 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 11-25-24: We have forty- two Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 973,639 lbs. leaving 796,361 lbs. still available in the Eastern District. ADFG expects twenty vessels to fish for the Tanner allocation. There are no landings so far from the Western District Tanner Crab allocation of 4.3 million lbs.

Misc. Items: This morning, I attended two short meetings, the first was a Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation Board of Directors meeting, We met for about one hour we basically received some updates from the Executive Director Scott Goodman, on the monthly financials the foundation has about \$900,000 in reserves and are still planning on receiving Crab Disasters Funding of close to a \$1.0 million dollars in December. Those funds will support the third leg of research work on CPS3 Opilio Snow Crab. We also were briefed on two programs on Crab Certifications RFM, and another program run by the Sea Watch Group. We also heard of ongoing work for joint research projects with the BSFRF, ADFG, and NOAA for tagging projects in summer of 2025. At this month's meeting we had no action items to address.

The other meeting today was a joint meeting between the City of St Paul and the City of Unalaska trying to finalize Snow Crab Exemption Contract agreement to allow the Northern Region Snow Crab to be delivered to Unalaska due to the Trident St Paul plant will not be operation this Snow Crab season due to the small allocation of 1.6 million pounds of Snow Crab. We had a good meeting, and we will be seeing a new draft Exemption Contract agreement this week. We also have another agreement between Saint Paul and the City of Unalaska on financial issues that the City Councils of both communities will have to approve hopefully at the December 17th Unalaska City Council meeting.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

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