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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 Members

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

**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for December 30, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 12-14-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, State Water Sablefish, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab 12-24-2024

Fishing activity continues to be slow, as the B season groundfish fisheries are wrapped for the year. National Marine Fisheries Service is not doing any more weekly Groundfish Reports until the Pollock A fishery resumes on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The local plants in Unalaska Unisea and Westward stopped processing until after the first of the year. They are in full matintence mode to get ready for the Pollock A season which opens on January 15<sup>th</sup> as will all the other trawl fisheries. The Bering Sea Crab fisheries for Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Snow Crab, and Tanner Crab fisheries will be ongoing after New Years Day, as will the fixed gear pot and longline fisheries for Pacific Cod.

The trawl Pollock and Pacific Cod fisheries closed on November 1, 2024. Halibut IFQ Halibut and Sablefish IFQ both closed 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 still ongoing and the Bering Sea Snow crab fishery for 4.7 million pounds will start soon after New Year's Day.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 12-30-24 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 42 IFQ landings and 8 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 3.79 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.08 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, 78% of the harvest is completed. There were no Golden King Crab deliveries last week.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 12-30-24 we have fifty-three Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,423,395 lbs. leaving 346,605lbs. still available in the Eastern District 90% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There has been eight landings so far from three vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 226,057lbs leaving of 4.0 million lbs. to harvest 5% of the harvest has been completed. There were no landings for Tanner Crab last week.

The State Water 60<under pot boat fishery for Pacific Cod fishery 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 still have two vessels checked into this fishery, but they are not fishing at this time. The Pacific Cod State water fishery remains open until midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The Groundfish harvest for 12-14-2024 last week was 3,176MT (6.9 million lbs.) decrease of 3,000MT from the previous week's harvest due to bottom fish harvest sectors decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,761,330MMT (3.88 billion lbs.) leaving 229,315MT (505 million lbs.) 88% of the A/B harvest allocation is complete from 1,990,545MMT allocation (4.38 billion lbs.).

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 12-30-24.
2. Harvest Data
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4. ADFG 60<Pot Cod Closure Announcement
5. BSAI Groundfish 2025 Allocations and Proposed 2026Alocations