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

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for May 6,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 4-27-2024 Crab Harvest, State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 5-6-2024

It continues to be slow in Unalaska it will continue that way for the next few weeks. The harvest for the last week groundfish harvest was 15,333MT (33 million pounds) 3,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest came mostly from the Amendment 80 bottom trawl harvest. It appears the 60' < under pot boat cod fishery is over, most of the vessels have left the fishery since the cod has dispersed after spawning, they still have 3.8 million pounds available to harvest if they so choose. We still have fifteen - seventeen Pacific Cod Freezer longline catcher processors finishing up the Pacific Cod A season, they still have 6,300 MT of A season cod to harvest. We also have 20-25 Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Catcher Processors working the Sole, Mackerel, and Pacific Ocean Perch fisheries they will also be doing crew changes every month or so they have huge allocation to work with.

The last week of May we will have the Pollock B season with the local plants bring in their employees for the Pollock B season the quota is 718,000MT that includes 24,000MT of A season Pollock rollover to the B season (1.58 billion lbs.). Unalaska shore plants harvest amount is 206,000MT (454 million pounds) which is 64% of the shoreside Pollock B season allocation of 322,000MT.

Last week's Pollock harvest came in at zero. The Pollock A season totals 544,203MT equals (1.19 billion lbs.) This leaves 24,408MT (53.7 million lbs.) to harvest from the 568,611MT Pollock A season. This amount of unharvested Pollock A season fish will rollover to the Pollock B season allocation.

The total cod harvest last week was 2,422MT (5.38 million lbs.) for the A season is 73,799MT (162 million lbs.) 44% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 91,859MT (202 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week's increased by 3,000MT to 10,366MT (22.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 99,027MT (218 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Halibut IFQ fishery so far 560 landing for landings for 2.96 million lbs. leaving 14.2 million lbs. to harvest; 17% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs.no landings reported yet. Leading Ports of Landing is Homer, AK at 803,575lbs. followed by Seward, AK at 222,302lbs.

The Sablefish IFQ fishery there have been 489 Sablefish landings 10.5 million lbs. leaving 50.1 million lbs. to harvest 17% of the harvest is complete. Ports of landing amounts has Kodiak 2.3 million lbs. followed by Seward 1.87 million lbs.

The Golden King Crab the fishery is completed the harvest for both the Eastern and Western Districts plus the CDQ harvest was 5,523,113 lbs. leaving 5,530lbs unharvested. The Tanner Crab fishery is complete the fishery is completed in both the Eastern and Western Districts the harvest including CDQ was 2,073,103 lbs. leaving, 8,000lbs unharvested.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 4-27-2024: Overall Groundfish Harvest 4-20-2024: The harvest for the last week was 15,333MT (33 million pounds) 3,000MT increase over the previous week's harvest. The season totals are 745,354MT harvested (1.64 billion pounds) leaving 1,239,111MT (2.73 billion lbs.) to harvest; 38% of the overall annual harvest of 1,985,565MMT (4.3 billion pounds) has been completed.

Bering Sea A Season Pollock 4-27-2024: The Pollock fishery opened on January 20th the twelfth full week of Pollock A season is about done. Last week's Pollock harvest came in at 0 MT. The Pollock A season totals 544,604MT equals (1.19 billion lbs.) 95% of the A season is complete. This leaves 24,408MT (53.7 million lbs.) to harvest from the 568,611MT (1.2 billion lbs.) from the Pollock A season allocation. The remaining A season allocation may be fished before the Pollock B season start on June 10th or the unharvested amount will roll over into the B season allocation by harvesting sectors. The harvest by sectors for the A season is as follows Catcher Vessels Sector 243,787MT leaving 10,841MT to harvest 96% of the A season harvest is complete. At Sea Processors 191,399MT harvested leaving 12,303MT 94% of the A season is completed. Mothership Fleet 49,800MT leaving 1,126MT to harvest 98% of the A season is complete. CDQ Sector 59,217MT leaving 138MT to harvest 100% of the A season their harvest is complete.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 0MT last week, for the season 243,787MT (537.3 million lbs.) leaving 10,841MT (23.8 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 95% of the A season has been harvested from 252,000MT allocation.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 0MT last week and have harvested 191,399MT (421 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 12,303MT (27.1 million lbs.) of A season Pollock to harvest 94% of the A season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 0MT last week for the season 49,800MT (109 million lbs.) leaving 1,126MT (2.4 million lbs.) A season to harvest 98% of the A season has been harvested from 50,926MT.

CDQ: this sector harvested 0MT for the season 59,217MT (130.5 million lbs.) leaving 138MT (304,152lbs.) to harvest, 100% of the A season harvest of 58,300MT allocation.

Pollock Incidental Catch 4-27-2024: the harvest last week was 2,438MT for the season 27,874MT (614.3 million lbs.) leaving 22,126MT (48.7 million lbs.) to harvest 56% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 4-27-2024: Chinook bycatch last week was zero fish for a season total of 5,160 fish leaving 40,540 fish remaining 11% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch reported last week, the amount is in the 914 fish for the season.

Pacific Cod: 4-27-2024: The total cod harvest last week was 2,422MT (5.38 million lbs.) for the A season is 73,799MT (162 million lbs.) 44% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 91,859MT (202 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,326MT (2.9 million lbs.) last week for the season 28,039MT (61.7million lbs.) Leaving the A season allocation at 6,320MT (13.9 million lbs.) to harvest, 82% of the A season allocation of 34,359MT has been harvested by this sector.

Pacific Cod Trawl: The trawl fishery opened on January 20, 2024. With and A season allocation of 39,144MT. (86.2 million pounds) We had a harvest of 586MT for last week (1.29 million lbs.) for the season 31,530MT (69.4 million lbs.) through April 27, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 577MT At Sea 0MT and CV sector 9MT. (leaving 6,685MT (14.7 million lbs.) to harvest for the season, 80% of the A season allocation of 39,144MT has been harvested.

CV Pot/HL < 60'ft: harvested 0MT last week for the season 4,118MT (9.1 million lbs.) leaving -251MT cod allocation to harvest, 106% of the seasonal allocation has been harvested.

C/P Pot CPs 0MT was harvested last week of A season Cod, for the season 1,058MT. The A season remaining allocation is 1,058MT 0% of the A season allocation of 1,058MT has been harvested.

Pot Cod 60'>: harvested 0MT last week for the season 3,645MT (8.0 million lbs.) leaving 2,281MT (5.0 million lbs.) of A season allocation to harvest 62% of the A season allocation of 5,926MT has been harvested.

Pacific Cod CDQ: had a harvest of 329MT (725,116 lbs.) last week, for the season 4,720MT (10.4 million lbs.) from an A season allocation of 7,949MT leaving 6,334MT (13.9 million lbs.) 59% of the A season CDQ harvest have been taken.

Pacific Cod Jig: 0MT harvested last week, for the season 0MT harvested from the jig allocation of 1,948MT leaving 1,948MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 4-27-2024 The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week's increased by 3,000MT to 10,366MT (22.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 99,027MT (218 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 26,540MT, Rock Sole 20,391MT Alaska Plaice, 4,643MT, Flathead Sole 8,382MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 477MT, Kamchatka Flounder 36MT other Flatfish 1,193MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 2,774MT Atka Mackerel 22,055MT, Octopus 121MT Skate 12,383MT Greenland Turbot, 1MT and Sablefish Trawl 31MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 5-6-2024: The state water fishery has had 415 landings for 40.5 million lbs. leaving 3.8 million lbs. to harvest 91% of the allocation has been harvested from the 44.4 million lbs. There are only 1 or 2 vessels still fishing.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab 5-6-24: The fishery opens on Tuesday August 1, 2023, at noon. There were four vessels registered to fish. The Eastern District allocation including CDQ is 3.7 million lbs. the Western District allocation including the City of Adak allocation is 1.8 million lbs. for a total allocation of 5.3 million lbs. We had a total of 55 IFQ landings and CDQ for the season, from the Eastern District and thirty-eight IFQ landings from the Western District. The total poundage for the Eastern District is 3.714 million lbs. with CDQ, the total landings with are estimated poundage of 3.714 million lbs. 100% harvested allocation, leaving an estimated 5,430 million lbs. left unharvested. There were no landings from the Eastern District last week. The Western District IFQ had no landings last week. The season total is thirty-eight landings for 1.808 million lbs. 100% harvested, leaving 1,438lbs. left unharvested.

Bering Sea Tanner Crab 5-6-24: The Tanner Crab IFQ allocation is 1.87 million pounds for both the East and Western Districts. The CDQ totals 250,000lbs lbs. for both the East and West Districts for a total allocation of 2.073 million lbs. There have been fifty-nine IFQ and CDQ landings for 757,342 lbs. all from the Eastern District leaving 2,658lbs to harvest from the Eastern District 100% of the allocation has been harvested this fishery is completed. There have been Seventy-two landings of IFQ and CDQ landings from the Western District, 1,315,819 million lbs. leaving the Western District IFQ and CDQ at 4,239lbs. left unharvested 100% of the allocation has been harvested. The Western district had no landings last week. There are no vessels registered or fishing at this time in either district.

Halibut IFQ 5-6-24: the season open on March 15th at noon, so far 560 landing for landings for 2.96 million lbs. leaving 14.2 million lbs. to harvest; 17% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs.no landings reported

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Misc. Items: I did not have any fishery related meetings last week.

Regards

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Attachments:

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