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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for June 24,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 6-15-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 6-24-2024

Fishing activity is picking up in Unalaska since the Pollock B season started on June 10th, 2024. Depending on fishing condition we expect the B season to last into early October. The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 63,245MT (139 million pounds) increase of over 30,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery catch increase.

The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on June 22,2024 came in at 55,020MT (121.2 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 85,855MT (220 million lbs.) 11% of the harvest has been caught, that leaves 633,353MT (1.39 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 6-22-2024 came in at 1,652MT (3.6 million lbs.) for the A season is 86,527MT (190 million lbs.) 51% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 80,128MT (176 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks decreased by 1,000MT to 4,009MT (8.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 158,200MT (348 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Halibut season opened so far so far 1,199 landing for landings for 5.89 million lbs. leaving 11.4 million lbs. to harvest; 31% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs.no landings reported yet. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 1.83 million lbs. followed by Petersburg, at 604,929lbs.

The Sablefish IFQ fishery: there have been 859 Sablefish landings 17.8 million lbs. leaving 42.9 million lbs. to harvest 29% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.07 million lbs. followed by Seward 2.99 million lbs.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish fishery: There are eight vessels fishing they have made thirty-three landings for 334,204 lbs. leaving 2.37 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.7 million lbs. allocation 12% of the harvest has been taken. The state water Pacific Cod 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 were no landings last week, and no vessels are currently fishing.

Overall Groundfish Harvest 6-22-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 63,245MT (139.3 million pounds) increase of over 30,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery increased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 906,426MT (1.99 billion lbs.) leaving 1.07millionMT (2.3billion lbs.) 46% of the harvest is complete.

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 6-22-2024: The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on June 22,2024 came in at 55,020MT (121.2 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 85,855MT (220 million lbs.) 11% of the harvest has been caught, that leaves 633,353MT (1.39 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. Most of the last week's harvest came from At Sea Processing vessels 23,894MT they process at sea.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 23,680MT (52.1 million lbs.) last week, leaving 282,291MT (622 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation of 282,291MT 13% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 23,894MT (52.6 million lbs.) last week, leaving 225,548MT (497 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation 14% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 4,604MT (10.1 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 56,562MT (124.6 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation of 63,243MT 11% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

CDQ: this sector harvested 2,874MT (6.3 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 68,998MT (152 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 72,683MT 5% of the B season allocation has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 6-22-2024: the harvest last week was 194MT for the season 31,557MT (69.5 million lbs.) leaving 18,679MT (41.1 million lbs.) to harvest 63% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 6-22-2024: Chinook bycatch last week was 641fish for a season total of 6,282 fish leaving 39,418 fish remaining 14% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch reported last week, was not recorded the amount is in the 914 fish for the season.

Pacific Cod: 6-22-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for 6-22-2024 came in at 1,652MT (3.6 million lbs.) for the A season is 86,527MT (190 million lbs.) 51% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 80,128MT (176 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,425MT (3.14 million lbs.) last week for the season 34,398MT (75.8 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 32,954MT (72.6 million lbs.) to harvest, 50% 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 187MT for last week (206,259lbs.) for the season 33,501MT (73.8 million lbs.) through June 22, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 108MT At Sea 16MT and CV sector 63MT. (leaving 17,719MT (39.0 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 63% of the A/B season allocation of 52,602MT 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 40MT (88,160 lbs.) last week, for the season 8,483MT (18.69 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,400MT (18.5 million lbs.) 50% 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 1,948MT leaving 1,948MT 0% of the allocation has been harvested.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Fishery 6-22-2024. The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks decreased by 1,000MT to 4,009MT (8.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 158,200MT (348 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 52,451MT, Rock Sole 24,103MT Alaska Plaice, 6,390MT, Flathead Sole 9,273MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,192MT, Kamchatka Flounder 1,893MT other Flatfish 2,092MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 8,330MT Atka Mackerel 35,319MT, Octopus 134MT Skate 15,679MT Greenland Turbot, 281MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,063MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60' < Pot Boats 7-1-2024: 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 were no landings last week, and no vessels are currently fishing.

Halibut IFQ 7-1-24: the season open on March 15th at noon, so far 1,199 landing for landings for 5.89 million lbs. leaving 11.4 million lbs. to harvest; 31% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. no landings reported yet. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 1.83 million lbs. followed by Petersburg, at 604,929lbs.

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Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 7-1-24: One landing so far on the weekend exceedingly small less than 100 short tons.

Misc. Items: No meetings attend last week.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data