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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for July 15, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 7-6-2024
State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 7-15-2024

Fishing activity improved last week, getting back to a normal amount. The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 60,799MT (134 million pounds) increased by 10,000MT (220 million lbs.) from the previous week harvest mostly due to the Pollock fishery catch increase of 10,000MT last week; the increase was driven by At Sea Processing Sectors harvest that came in at 27,525MT (60.6million lbs.).

The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on July 6,2024 came in at 54,035MT (119 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 184,063MT (405.6 million lbs.) 25% of the harvest has caught, that leaves 535,191MT (1.17 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. (1.5 billion lbs.) Most of the last week's harvest came from At Sea Catcher Processing vessels 27,525MT (60.6 million lbs.) It looks like we 10 weeks to go if the fleet averages 50,000MT per week put the season wrap-up by the end of September or early October.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 7-6-2024 came in at 1,311MT (2.8 million lbs.) for the A season is 90,662MT (199 million lbs.) 54% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 77,405MT (170 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks decreased by 4,000MT to 1,840MT (4.0 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 167,756MT (369 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Halibut season opened so far so far 1,268 landing for landings for 6.12million lbs. leaving 11.08 million lbs. to harvest; 35.5% 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 893 Sablefish landings 18.3 million lbs. leaving 42.4 million lbs. to harvest 30% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.15 million lbs. followed by Seward 3.08 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 no landings last week. 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 7-6-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 60,799MT (134. million pounds) increase of over 10,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery increased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,019,172MMT (2.2 billion lbs.) leaving 965,293MT (2.1billion lbs.) 51% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT harvest allocation.

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 7-6-2024: The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on July 6,2024 came in at 54,035MT (119 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 184,063MT (405.6 million lbs.) 25% of the harvest has caught, that leaves 535,191MT (1.17 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. (1.5 billion lbs.) Most of the last week's harvest came from At Sea Catcher Processing vessels 27,525MT (60.6 million lbs.) It looks like we 10 weeks to go if the fleet averages 50,000MT per week put the season wrap-up by the end of September or early October.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 21,185MT (46.6 million lbs.) last week, leaving 239,156MT (527 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation of 282,291MT 27% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 326,684MT (720 million lbs.) 58%. A/B Pollock season has been harvested.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 27,525MT (60.6 million lbs.) last week, leaving 183,135MT (403 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation 31% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B Pollock harvest is 269,537MT (594 million lbs.) 60% A/B Pollock season has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 3,189MT (7.02 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 48,050MT (105.9 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation of 63,243MT24% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 65,118MT (143 million lbs.) 58% A/B Pollock season has been harvested.

CDQ: this sector harvested 2,136MT (4.7 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 64,850MT (142.9 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 72,683MT 11% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 67,050MT (147million lbs.) 51%. A/B Pollock season has been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 7-6-2024: the harvest last week was 327MT for the season 32,227MT (71 million lbs.) leaving 18,009MT (39.6 million lbs.) to harvest 64% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 7-6-2024: Chinook bycatch last week was 641fish for a season total of 6,655 fish leaving 39,045 fish remaining 15% 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: 7-26-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for 7-6-2024 came in at 1,311MT (2.8 million lbs.) for the A season is 90,662MT (199 million lbs.) 54% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 77,405MT (170 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,124MT (2.4 million lbs.) last week for the season 36,692MT (80.3 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 30,678MT (67.6 million lbs.) to harvest, 54% 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 and A/B season allocation of 52,602MT. (115.9 million pounds) We had a harvest of 176MT for last week (387,904lbs.) for the season 33,934MT (74.7 million lbs.) through July 6, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 116MT At Sea 16MT and CV sector 44MT. (leaving 17,286MT (38.09 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 64% 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 11MT 13,235 lbs.) last week, for the season 8,500MT (18.73 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,383MT (18.4 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 7-6-2024. The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks decreased by 4,000MT to 1,840MT (4.0 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 167,756MT (369 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 50,120MT, Rock Sole 24,192MT Alaska Plaice, 6,450MT, Flathead Sole 9,676MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,705MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,342MT other Flatfish 2,252MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 11,335MT Atka Mackerel 39,494MT, Octopus 140MT Skate 16,345MT Greenland Turbot, 365MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,295MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60'< Pot Boats 7-15-2024: 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 7-15-24: the season open on March 15th at noon, so far 1,351 landing for landings for 6.49 million lbs. leaving 10.7 million lbs. to harvest; 37% 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 2.02 million lbs. followed by Petersburg, at 626,826lbs.

Sablefish IFQ 7-15-24: there have been 921 Sablefish landings 18.8 million lbs. leaving 41.9 million lbs. to harvest 31% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.17 million lbs. followed by Seward 3.18million lbs.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish 7-15-24: 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. No landings were made last week.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 7-15-24: there have been multiple landings so far, with an estimated landings in the 600-700 short tons range. Exact information is still confidential by the State of Alaska until more buyers purchases Herring.

Misc. Items: I attended no meetings last week; I do have a Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation Board of Directors meeting on Thursday of this week we hope to get some information on the ongoing NOAA Crab and Groundfish surveys for the 2025 fishing seasons.

Regards

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Attachments:

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