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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

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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for July 8,2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 6-29-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 7-8-2024

Fishing activity is slowed a bit last week. Depending on fishing condition we expect the B season to last into early October. The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 51,953MT (114 million pounds) decrease of 13,000MT from the previous week harvest mostly due to the Pollock fishery catch decrease of 10,000MT last week mostly in At Sea Sector that may have had vessels intown doing their first offloads of B season Pollock.

The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on June 229,2024 came in at 44,174MT (97million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 130,028MT (286 million lbs.) 18% of the harvest has been caught, that leaves 582,554MT (1.28 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. Most of the last week's harvest came from Shoreside Catcher vessels 21,951MT (48.3 million lbs.)

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 6-29-2024 came in at 1,412MT (3.1 million lbs.) for the A season is 89,351MT (196 million lbs.) 53% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 78,716MT (173 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks increased by 3,000MT to 7,715MT (17.0 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 165,915MT (365 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 6-29-2024:** The Groundfish harvest for the last week was 51,953MT (114.5 million pounds) decrease of 10,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery reduced catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 958,379MT (2.11 billion lbs.) leaving 1.02MMT (2.5 billion lbs.) 48% of the harvest amount of 1.98MMT (4.37 billion lbs.) is complete.

**Bering Sea B Season Pollock 6-29-2024:** The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on June 22, 2024 came in at 44,174MT (97million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 130,028MT (286 million lbs.) 18% of the harvest has been caught, that leaves 582,554MT (1.28 billion lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. Most of the last week's harvest came from Shoreside Catcher vessels 21,951MT (48.3 million lbs.)

**Inshore CV:** the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvest 21,951MT (48.3 million lbs.) last week, leaving 260,340MT (573 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation of 282,291MT 20% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 305,500MT (673million lbs.) 54%.

**At Sea CP:** the catcher processors harvested 14,886MT (32.8 million lbs.) last week, leaving 210,660MT (464 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation 20% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B Pollock harvest is 242,012MT (533 million lbs.) 53%.

**Mothership:** this sector harvested 5,323MT (11.7 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 51,339MT (113.1 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation of 63,243MT 19% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 61,929MT (136 million lbs.) 55%.

**CDQ:** this sector harvested 2,012MT (4.4 million lbs.) for the season, leaving 66,985MT (147 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 72,683MT 8% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 64,916MT (143million lbs.) 49%.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 6-29-2024:** the harvest last week was 344MT for the season 31,901MT (70.3 million lbs.) leaving 18,335MT (40.4 million lbs.) to harvest 64% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon Bycatch 6-29-2024:** Chinook bycatch last week was 641fish for a season total of 6,485 fish leaving 39,215 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: 6-29-2024:** The total Pacific Cod harvest for 6-29-2024 came in at 1,412MT (3.1 million lbs.) for the A season is 89,351MT (196 million lbs.) 53% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 78,716MT (173 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including CDQ harvest allocation.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,149MT (2.5 million lbs.) last week for the season 35,564MT (78.3 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 31,806MT (70.1 million lbs.) to harvest, 53% 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 257MT for last week (566,426lbs.) for the season 33,758MT (74.4 million lbs.) through June 22, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 174MT At Sea 12MT and CV sector 71MT. (leaving 17,462MT (38.4 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 6MT 13,224 lbs.) last week, for the season 8,489MT (18.70 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,394MT (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 6-29-2024.** The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last weeks increased by 3,000MT to 7,715MT (17.0 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 165,915MT (365 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. The seasonal harvest totals by species are as follows, Yellowfin Sole 52,563MT, Rock Sole 24,198MT Alaska Plaice, 6,438MT, Flathead Sole 9,590MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 3,783MT, Kamchatka Flounder 2,200MT other Flatfish 2,218MT other species

harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 10,036MT Atka Mackerel 37,143MT, Octopus 136MT Skate 16,081MT Greenland Turbot, 342MT and Sablefish Trawl 1,187MT.

**State Water Pacific Cod 60' < Pot Boats 7-8-2024:** 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 7-8-24:** the season open on March 15<sup>th</sup>. at noon, so far 1,268 landing for landings for 6.12 million 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 1.94 million lbs. followed by Petersburg, at 612,737lbs.

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**Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Fishery 7-8-24:** there have been multiple landings so far, with an estimated landings in the 450-550 short tons range. Exact information is still confidential by the State of Alaska until more buyers purchase Herring.

**Misc. Items:** I attended no meetings last week.

Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fishery Update Memo
2. Harvest Data
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