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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

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

**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for August 12, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 8-3-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, Golden King Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 8-12-2024

Fishing landings continue to be strong this past week. The Groundfish harvest for the last week ending on August 3, 2024, was 62,678MT (138.1 million pounds) increase of 800MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery increased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,269,133MMT (2.79 billion lbs.) leaving 715,342MT (1.57 billion lbs.) 64% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on August 3,2024 came in at 53,804MT (118 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 404,521MT (766 million lbs.) 48% of the harvest has caught, that leaves 371,809MT (891.5 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. Most of the last week's harvest came from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 22,9081MT (50.4 million lbs.) It looks like we have 7 weeks to go if the fleet averages 52,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the end of September or early October.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-3-2024 came in at 1,693MT (3.7 million lbs.) for the A season is 99,293MT (218 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 70,497MT (155 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week decreased by 600MT to 6,702MT (14.7 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 191,381MT (421 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Halibut season opened on March 15<sup>th</sup>. at noon, so far 1,808 landings for landings for 8.3 million lbs. leaving 8.9 million lbs. to harvest; 48% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 172 landings for 151,249bs leaving 1.02million lbs. to harvest 13% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs. has been completed. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 2.32 million lbs. followed by Seward, at 786,908lbs.

The Sablefish fishery opened on March 15<sup>th</sup>. There have been 1,068 Sablefish landings 21.6 million lbs. leaving 39.1 million lbs. to harvest 36% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.2 million lbs. followed by Seward 3.8 million lbs.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish fishery: There are eight vessels fishing they have made thirty-nine landings for 384,221 lbs. leaving 2.32 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.7 million lbs. allocation 14% of the harvest has been taken. There were 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 8-3-2024:** The Groundfish harvest for the last week ending on August 3, 2024, was 62,678MT (138.1 million pounds) increase of 800MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery increased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,269,133MMT (2.79 billion lbs.) leaving 715,342MT (1.57 billion lbs.) 64% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.)

**Bering Sea B Season Pollock 8-3-2024:** The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on August 3,2024 came in at 53,804MT (118 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 404,521MT (766 million lbs.) 48% of the harvest has caught, that leaves 371,809MT (891.5 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. Most of the last week's harvest came from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 22,9081MT (50.4 million lbs.) It looks like we have 7 weeks to go if the fleet averages 52,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the end of September or early October.

**Inshore CV:** the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 22,908MT (50.4 million lbs.) last week, leaving 144,844MT (369.97million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 50% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 420,996MT (879.5 million lbs.) 74%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

**At Sea CP:** the catcher processors harvested 17,440MT (38.4million lbs.) last week, leaving 114,343MT (252,011 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation. The B season allocation has 54% harvested. The total A/B Pollock harvest is 326,027MT (718 million lbs.) 72% A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

**Mothership:** this sector harvested 5,432MT 11.9 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 26,340MT (58.0 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation of 63,243MT 59% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 86,828MT (191.3 million lbs.) 77% A/B Pollock season of 113,168MT has been harvested.

**CDQ:** this sector harvested 7,824MT (17.2 million lbs.) for the season, 52,038MT (114.6 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 72,545MT 72% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 111,256MT (245,208million lbs.) 84%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT have been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 8-3-2024:** the harvest last week was 427MT for the season 33,393MT (73.5 million lbs.) leaving 16,607MT (36.6 million lbs.) to harvest 67% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon Bycatch 8-3-2024:** Chinook bycatch last week was twenty-one fish for a season total of 6,823 fish leaving 38,877fish remaining 15% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch reported last week, not recorded the amount is well over 3,000 fish for the season.

**Pacific Cod: 8-3-2024:** The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-3-2024 came in at 1,693MT (3.7 million lbs.) for the A season is 99,293MT (218 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 70,497MT (155 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,466MT (3.2 million lbs.) last week for the season 42,606MT (93.9 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 24,764MT (54.5 million lbs.) to harvest, 63% 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 192MT for last week (423,168lbs.) for the season 34,833MT (76.3 million lbs.) through August 3, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 81MT At Sea 13MT and CV sector 98MT. (leaving 16,387MT (36.1million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 66% of the A/B season allocation of 52,602MT have 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 32MT (70,528lbs.) Last week, for the season 8,608MT (18.9 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,245MT (18.17 million lbs.) 51.6% 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 8-3-2024.**

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week decreased by 600MT to 6,702MT (14.7 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 191,381MT (421 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. Yellowfin Sole 50,859MT, Rock Sole 24,503MT Alaska Plaice, 6,505MT, Flathead Sole 9,959MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 5,648MT, Kamchatka Flounder 3,583MT other Flatfish 2,550MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 19,478MT Atka Mackerel 46,645MT, Octopus 143MT Skate 18,251MT Greenland Turbot, 502MT and Sablefish Trawl 2,755MT.

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**Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery 8-12-24:** there have been multiple landings so far, with an estimated landings in the 900-1,000 short tons range around 1.8 million lbs. The fishery is still open, but the two boats registered are not fishing at this time. Exact harvest information is still confidential by the State of Alaska.

**North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest 8-12-24:** We have seen eighteen landings from two vessels for 291,562lbs average weight per crab is 2.18 lbs. CPUE 6 crab per pot.

**Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 8-12-24:** No landing made as of yet from the 4.8 million lbs. allocation.

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

Regards

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Attachments:

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