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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 19, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 8-10-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, Golden King Crab, Dungeness Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 8-19-2024

Fishing landings continue to be good this past week. The Groundfish harvest for the last week ending on August 10, 2024, was 56,574MT (124.6 million pounds) decrease of 6,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery reduced catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,325,741MMT (2.92 billion lbs.) leaving 658,724MT (1.45 billion lbs.) 67% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

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The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-10-2024 came in at 1,691MT (3.72 million lbs.) for the A season is 100,984MT (222 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 68,806MT (151 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week decreased by 2,200MT to 4,468MT (9.8 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 195,849MT (431 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The Halibut season opened on March 15th at noon, so far 1,996 landings for landings for 8.98 million lbs. leaving 8.3 million lbs. to harvest; 52% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 184 landings for 206,219 lbs. leaving 967,781 lbs. to harvest 18% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs.

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The IFQ Sablefish fishery there have been, 1,118 Sablefish landings 22.55 million lbs. leaving 38.23 million lbs. to harvest 37% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.3 million lbs. followed by Seward 4.1 million lbs.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish Fishery, there are eight vessels fishing. They have made forty-one landings for 392,428 lbs. leaving 2.31 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.7 million lbs. allocation 15% of the harvest has been taken. There were two landings that were made 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 8-10-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week ending on August 10, 2024, was 56,574MT (124.6 million pounds) decrease of 6,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,325,741MMT (2.92billion lbs.) leaving 658,724MT (1.45 billion lbs.) 67% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.)

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Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 23,370MT (51.5 million lbs.) last week, leaving 121,418MT (369.97million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 64% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 444,422MT (979.5 million lbs.) 79%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 16,915MT (37.2million lbs.) last week, leaving 109,731MT (241.8 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation. The B season allocation has 61% harvested. The total A/B Pollock harvest is 342,941MT (755.8 million lbs.) 76% A/B Pollock season of 452,672MT has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 3,680MT (8.1 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 22,660MT (49.9 million lbs.) to harvest of the B season allocation of 62,242MT 65% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 90,508MT (199.4 million lbs.) 80% A/B Pollock season of 113,168MT has been harvested.

CDQ: this sector harvested 5,865MT (12.9 million lbs.) for the B season, 57,904MT (127.6 million lbs.) to harvest from the B season allocation 72,545MT 80% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 117,121MT (259.1million lbs.) 89%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT have been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 8-10-2024: the harvest last week was 243MT for the season 33,651MT (74.1 million lbs.) leaving 16,599MT (36.5 million lbs.) to harvest 67% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 8-10-2024: Chinook bycatch last week was thirty fish for a season total of 6,856 fish leaving 38,844fish remaining 15% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch for the Pollock B season is estimate at 18,700 fish for the season this much less than previous years on Chum salmon bycatch.

Pacific Cod: 8-10-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-10-2024 came in at 1,691MT (3.72 million lbs.) for the A season is 100,984MT (222 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 68,806MT (151 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,379MT (3.03 million lbs.) last week for the season 43,985MT (96.9 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 23,385MT (51.5 million lbs.) to harvest, 65% 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 294MT for last week (647,976lbs.) for the season 35,127MT (77.4 million lbs.) through August 10, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 108MT At Sea 10MT and CV sector 176MT. (leaving 16,093MT (35.4million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 67% 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 17MT (37,468lbs.) last week, for the season 8,625MT (19.0 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,228MT (18.13 million lbs.) 51.9% 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 8-10-2024.

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North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest 8-19-24: We have seen nineteen landings from two vessels for 309,502lbs average weight per crab is 2.18 lbs. CPUE 6 crab per pot. ADFG has stated that some of the South Peninsula Dungeness landings have been landed and processed in Unalaska as well, but the poundage amount is confidential.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 8-19-24: So far, we have two cost recovery landings for ADFG the poundage amount is 167,000lbs with another 52, 000lbs to be harvested both landings came from the. Eastern District. There has also been one CDQ landing from the Eastern District the amount landed is confidential. The CDQ landing will be a part of the 4.8 million lbs. Golden King Crab 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