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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

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Subject: Fishery Update Memo for August 24, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 8-17-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, Golden King Crab, Dungeness Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 9-2-2024

The Groundfish harvest for the last week August 24, 2024, continues to be strong even with the Pollock fishery winding down. Was 59,064MT (130.1 million pounds) decrease of 2,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,441,077MMT (3.17 billion lbs.) leaving 545,405MT (1.2 billion lbs.) 73% 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 24,2024 came in at 50,993MT (112.3 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 547,916MT (1.2 billion lbs.) 78% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 171,336MT (377.6 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.09MMT (2.40billion lbs.) 83% of the 1.3 MMT harvest of (2.85 billion lbs.). Most of the last week's harvest came from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 23,916MT (52.7 million lbs.) It looks like we have 3.5 weeks to go if the fleet averages 50,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the third week of September.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-24-2024 came in at 2,046MT (4.50 million lbs.) for the A season is 100,960MT (222.5 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 64,698MT (142.5 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week increased by 5,600MT to 10,770MT (23.7 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 214,236MT (472 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The IFQ Halibut fishery the opened-on March 15th at noon, so far 2,250 landings for landings for 10.1 million lbs. leaving 7.1 million lbs. to harvest; 59% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 209 landings for 245,357lbs. leaving 928,633 lbs. to harvest 21% of the harvest of

1.17million lbs. completed. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 2.76 million lbs. followed by Seward, at 1.00 million lbs.

The IFQ Sablefish fishery: there have been 1,224 Sablefish landings 24.3 million lbs. leaving 36.4 million lbs. to harvest 40% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.6 million lbs. followed by Seward 4.5 million lbs.

The State Water Sablefish fishery, there are eight vessels fishing. They have made forty-two landings for 421,220lbs. leaving 2.28 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.

North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest. We have seen twenty-five landings from two vessels for 441,211lbs average weight per crab is 2.17 lbs. CPUE 7 crab per pot. ADFG has said that some of the South Peninsula Dungeness landings have been landed and processed in Unalaska as well, but the poundage amount is confidential.

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 8-24-2024: The Groundfish harvest for the last week August 24, 2024, was 59,064MT (130.1 million pounds) decrease of 2,000MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,441,077MMT (3.17 billion lbs.) leaving 545,405MT (1.2 billion lbs.) 73% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

Bering Sea B Season Pollock 8-24-2024: The Pollock B season harvest for the week ending on August 24,2024 came in at 50,993MT (112.3 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 547,916MT (1.2 billion lbs.) 78% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 171,336MT (377.6 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.09MMT (2.40billion lbs.) 83% of the 1.3 MMT harvest of (2.85 billion lbs.). Most of the last week's harvest came from Catcher Vessel sector that delivers to the onshore plants 23,916MT (52.7 million lbs.) It looks like we have 3.5 weeks to go if the fleet averages 50,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the third week of September.

Inshore CV: the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 23,916MT (52.7 million lbs.) last week, leaving 80,331MT (177.0 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 78% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 485,509MT (1.07 billion lbs.) 86%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

At Sea CP: the catcher processors harvested 18,972MT (41.8million lbs.) last week, leaving 74,273MT (163.6 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation. The B

season allocation has 75% harvested. The total A/B Pollock harvest is 378,399MT (833.9 million lbs.) 84% A/B Pollock season of 452,672MT has been harvested.

Mothership: this sector harvested 5,051MT (11.1 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 12,106MT (26.6 million lbs.) to harvest of the B season allocation of MT 82% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 101,062MT (222.7million lbs.) 89% A/B Pollock season of 113,168MT has been harvested.

CDQ: this sector harvested 3,054MT (6.73 million lbs.) for the B season, 68,957MT (151.9 million lbs.) to harvest from the B season allocation 72,545MT 94% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 127,374MT (280.7million lbs.) 96%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT have been harvested.

Pollock Incidental Catch 8-24-2024: the harvest last week was 343MT for the season 34,312MT (75.6 million lbs.) leaving 16,256MT (35.8 million lbs.) to harvest 69% of the allocation has been harvested.

Salmon Bycatch 8-24-2024: Chinook bycatch last week was hundred fish for a season total of 6,993fish leaving 38,707fish remaining 15% of the cap has been from the cap of 45,000 fish. Chum bycatch for the Pollock B season is estimate at 21,000 fish for the season this much less than previous years on Chum salmon bycatch.

Pacific Cod: 8-24-2024: The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-24-2024 came in at 2,046MT (4.50 million lbs.) for the A season is 100,960MT (222.5 million lbs.) 60% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 64,698MT (142.5 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

Hook and Line C/Ps: This sector harvested 1,579MT (3.48 million lbs.) last week for the season 46,682MT (102.8 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 20,688MT (45.59 million lbs.) to harvest, 69% 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 721MT for last week (15.8 million lbs.) for the season 36,991MT (81.5million lbs.) through August 24, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 109MT At Sea 11MT and CV sector 601MT. (leaving 14,950MT (32.9 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 70% 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 7MT (15,428lbs.) last week, for the season 8,641MT (19.04 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,212MT (18.09 million lbs.) 51% 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 8-24-2024.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week increased by 5,600MT to 10,770MT (23.7 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 214,236MT (472 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species Yellowfin Sole 51,364MT, Rock Sole 24,658MT Alaska Plaice, 6,563MT, Flathead Sole 10,304MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,011MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,402MT other Flatfish 2,770MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 30,209MT Atka Mackerel 52,906MT, Octopus 146MT Skate 19,637MT Greenland Turbot, 670MT and Sablefish Trawl 3,597MT.

State Water Pacific Cod 60’< Pot Boats 9-2-2024: 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. But on September 1st federal waters reopen for Pacific Cod sector we may see some activity in State waters when the federal water fishery of 1.764MT closes.

Halibut IFQ 9-2-24: the season opens on March 15th at noon, so far 2,250 landings for landings for 10.1 million lbs. leaving 7.1 million lbs. to harvest; 59% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 209 landings for 245,357lbs. leaving 928,633 lbs. to harvest 21% of the harvest of 1.17million lbs. completed. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 2.76 million lbs. followed by Seward, at 1.00 million lbs.

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Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 9-2-24: So far, we have two cost recovery landing 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 and two IFQ landing from the Eastern District, the total poundage for both landing is from the Eastern District, the amount landed is confidential but estimated at around 350,000lbs. That leaves 4.45 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound allocation.

Misc. Items: No meeting last week.

Regards

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Attachments:

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