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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 September 9, 2024, Groundfish Harvest Data 8-31-2024 State Water Pacific Cod, Golden King Crab, Dungeness Crab, IFQ Halibut and Sablefish 9-9-2024

The Groundfish harvest for the last week, continues at a good pace even with the Pollock fishery close to being completed, the harvest for the week ending on August 31<sup>st</sup> was 51,629MT (113,903 million pounds) a decrease of 5,500MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,492,728MMT (3.28 billion lbs.) leaving 493,754MT (1.08 billion lbs.) 75% 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 31,2024 came in at 38,911MT (85.75 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 586,827MT (1.29 billion lbs.) 84% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 132,453MT (291.9 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.13MMT (2.49billion lbs.) 86% of the 1.30 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 16,402MT (36.1 million lbs.) It looks like we have 2.5 weeks to go if the fleet averages 35-40,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the third week of September.

The total Pacific Cod harvest for 8-31-2024 came in at 2,025MT (4.46 million lbs.) for the A season is 103,033MT (227 million lbs.) 62% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 62,673MT (138.1 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week decreased to 9,148MT (20.1 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 215,646MT (475,283 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species.

The IFQ Halibut fishery the opened-on March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, so far 2,371 landings for landings for 10.56 million lbs. leaving 6.73 million lbs. to harvest; 61% of the allocation has been harvested. The CDQ allocation is set at 1.17 million lbs. We have had 225 landings for 251,205lbs. leaving 922,795 lbs. to harvest, 21% of the harvest of

1.17million lbs. completed. Leading Port of Landings is Homer, AK at 2.86 million lbs. followed by Seward, at 1.05 million lbs. Halibut landings have been made in Unalaska but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Halibut.  
17million lbs. completed.

The IFQ Sablefish landing are at 1,276 for 25.6 million lbs. leaving 35.1 million lbs. to harvest 42% of the harvest is complete. Ports of Landings, Kodiak 4.79 million lbs. followed by Seward 4.71 million lbs. Sablefish landing have been made in Unalaska, but NOAA is keeping the data confidential until three buyers purchase Sablefish.

Aleutian Island State Water Sablefish, there are eight vessels fishing. They have made forty-three landings for 429,570bs. leaving 2.27 million lbs. to harvest from the 2.7 million lbs. allocation 16% of the harvest has been taken. There were one landing that were made last week.

North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab Harvest 9-9-24: We have seen thirty-three landings from two vessels for 628,958lbs average weight per crab is 2.18 lbs. CPUE 7 crab per pot.

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 8-31-2024:** The Groundfish harvest for the last week, was 51,629MT (113,903 million pounds) decrease of 5,500MT from the previous week harvest due to the Pollock fishery decreased catch. The overall Groundfish harvest is at 1,492,728MMT (3.28 billion lbs.) leaving 493,754MT (1.08 billion lbs.) 75% of the harvest is complete from 1,984,465MMT allocation (4.3 billion lbs.).

**Bering Sea B Season Pollock 8-31-2024:** The Pollock B season harvest for last week came in at 38,911MT (85.75 million lbs.) for the season the B season Pollock is at 586,827MT (1.29 billion lbs.) 84% of the B season harvest has been caught, that leaves 132,453MT (291.9 million lbs.) of Pollock to harvest. The A/B season total harvest is at 1.13MMT (2.49billion lbs.) 86% of the 1.30 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 16,402MT (36.1 million lbs.) It looks like we have 2.5 weeks to go if the fleet averages 35-40,000MT per week will put the season wrap-up by the third week of September.

**Inshore CV:** the catcher vessels that deliver shoreside harvested 16,402MT (36.15 million lbs.) last week, leaving 63,957MT (140.9 million lbs.) to harvest from the A/B season allocation 78% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 501,883MT (1.1 billion lbs.) 89%. A/B Pollock season of 565,840MT has been harvested.

**At Sea CP Fleet:** the catcher processors harvested 14,766MT (32.5million lbs.) last week, leaving 59,507MT (131.1 million lbs.) to harvest of the A/B season allocation. The B season allocation has 81% harvested. The total A/B Pollock harvest is 393,165MT (866.5 million lbs.) 87% A/B Pollock season of 452,672MT has been harvested.

**Mothership:** this sector harvested 2,865MT (6.31 million lbs.) last week. Leaving 7,228MT (15.9 million lbs.) to harvest of the B season allocation of 62,242MT 90% of the B season allocation has been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 105,940MT (233.4million lbs.) 94% A/B Pollock season of 113,168MT has been harvested.

**CDQ:** this sector harvested 1,408MT (3.10 million lbs.) for the B season, 70,922MT (156.3 million lbs.) to harvest from the B season allocation 72,545MT 98% of the B season allocation have been harvested. Total A/B harvest is 130,139MT (286.8million lbs.) 99%. A/B Pollock season of 131,900MT have been harvested.

**Pollock Incidental Catch 8-31-2024:** the harvest last week was 1,408MT for the season 35,722MT (78.7 million lbs.) leaving 14,528MT (32.0 million lbs.) to harvest 71% of the allocation has been harvested.

**Salmon Bycatch 8-31-2024:** Chinook bycatch last week was 187 fish for a season total of 7,195 fish leaving 38,505fish remaining 16% 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: 8-31-2024:** The total Pacific Cod harvest for came in at 2,025MT (4.46 million lbs.) for the A season is 103,033MT (227 million lbs.) 62% of the allocation of 165,658MT has been harvested leaving 62,673MT (138.1 million lbs.) of Pacific Cod to harvest including the CDQ harvest allocation.

**Hook and Line C/Ps:** This sector harvested 1,368MT (3.01 million lbs.) last week for the season 48,103MT (106.0 million lbs.) Leaving the A/B season allocation at 19,267MT (42.46 million lbs.) to harvest, 71% 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 540MT for last week (11.9 million lbs.) for the season 38,199MT (84.1million lbs.) through August 31, 2024. The Amendment 80 sector, 342MT At Sea 7MT and CV sector 191MT. (leaving 14,403MT (31.7 million lbs.) of A/B season cod to harvest for the season, 72% 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 94MT (207,176lbs.) last week, for the season 8,553MT (18.85 million lbs.) from an A/B season allocation of 16,675MT leaving 8,122MT (17.90 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 8-31-2024.**

The Amendment 80 bottom trawlers harvest last week decreased to 9,148MT (20.1 million lbs.). The total harvest stands 215,646MT (475,283 million lbs.) of various flatfish and other species. Yellowfin Sole 52,991MT, Rock Sole 24,919MT Alaska Plaice, 6,976MT, Flathead Sole 10,448MT, Arrowtooth Flounder 7,392MT, Kamchatka Flounder 4,586MT other Flatfish 2,807MT other species harvested this season including Perch and Rockfish, 27,551MT Atka Mackerel 53,297MT, Octopus 147MT Skate 20,308MT Greenland Turbot, 708MT and Sablefish Trawl 3,516MT.

**State Water Pacific Cod 60’< Pot Boats 9-9-2024**: 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 1<sup>st</sup> federal waters reopen for Pacific Cod sector we may see some activity in State waters when the federal water fishery of 1,764MT closes.

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**Aleutian Island Golden King Crab 9-9-24:** 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 two CDQ landing and four IFQ landing from the Eastern District, and 1 IFQ landing from the Western District the total poundage for landing is from the IFQ and CDQ, the amount landed is confidential but estimated slightly more than 550,000lbs. That leaves and estimated 4.25 million lbs. left to harvest from the 4.8-million-pound allocation.

**Misc. Items:** No meeting attended last week. This week I will be attending the NPFMC Crab Plan team Meeting Via Zoom it started this morning and runs through Thursday September 12, 2024. Next week we have the NPFMC Groundfish Plan Team meeting I will be attending that meeting Via Zoom as well September 16<sup>th</sup> thru September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Regards

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Attachments:

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