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To: City Manager William Homka, Deputy City Manager Marjorie Veeder, Kelly Tompkins, Karen Magdaong, Michelle Price, Mayor Vince Tutikaoff, and Unalaska City Council Members

From: Frank Kelty, Unalaska Fisheries Consultant

Subject: Fishery Update Memo for January 14, 2024, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, and Snow Crab 1-14-2025

National Marine Fisheries Service is not doing any more weekly Groundfish Reports until the Pollock A fishery resumes on January 15th, 2025. We may have the first Pollock deliveries on the 16th or 17th of January. We have no Groundfish reports at the time I expect the first reports will be available after the third week of January. The local plants in Unalaska, Unisea, Alyeska and Westward have been processing Pacific Cod. The Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, fisheries are underway and the first Snow Crab landings in three years; will be made in Unalaska in the next few days.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 1-14-25 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 have also been 63 IFQ landings and 5 CDQ from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. The poundage for this year's landings of IFQ and CDQ, combined with the exact amount, is confidential, the estimated amounts at slightly more than 3.8 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 1.0 million lbs. left to harvest from the Eastern District from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, 80% of the harvest is completed. There were no Golden King Crab deliveries last week.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 1-14-25 we have fifty-two Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,423,395 lbs. leaving 312,975lbs. still available in the Eastern District 90% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There has been eight landings so far from three vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 226,057lbs leaving of 4.0 million lbs. to harvest 5% of the harvest has been completed. There were no landings for Tanner Crab last week.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: ADFG has 10-12 vessels registered to fish and on the grounds starting to fish. No landings have been made yet for the 4.7-million-pound allocation. We expect some landings in the next few days.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 1-9-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab Species 1-14-25.
3. NOAA Reports