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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

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**Subject:** Fishery Update Memo for January 27, 2024, Groundfish harvest 1-18-25, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, and Snow Crab 1-27-2025

Groundfish Reports are limit we did receive a NMFS report for January 11, 2025 for 3,240 MT mostly Pacific Cod fixed gear sector harvest and a small about sole flat fish groundfish. The Pollock A fishery resumes on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We may have the first Pollock deliveries on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of January. We have some Groundfish reports at the time mostly on Pacific Cod from the fixed gear fleets that went fishing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, I expect the first reports will be available after the third week of January around the 25<sup>th</sup>. The local plants in Unalaska, Unisea, Alyeska and Westward have been processing Pacific Cod and a small amount of Pollock for the past few days. The Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, fisheries are underway and the first Snow Crab landings in three years were made in Unalaska a few days ago.

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 1-27-25 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 1-27-25 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 no landing from the Eastern District last week. In the Western District There has been thirteen landings so far from three vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 411,290lbs. leaving of 4.0 million lbs. to harvest 9% of the harvest has been completed. There were no landings for Tanner Crab last week, we expect Tanner Crab deliveries later this week.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: 1-27-2025: ADFG has 8-10 vessels registered to fish and on the grounds starting to fish. For the we had eleven landings made into Unalaska plants for 932,503lbs. from the 4.7-million-pound allocation, leaving 3.7 million lbs.to harvest 20% of the harvest is complete. The live weight average is 1.4 lbs. large crab. The CPUE is strong at 235 crab per pot. We expect more landings in the next few days for the ten vessels fishing.

Pollock A season: No landing made posted through January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025; we will see harvest reports next week rumor has about 500MT have been caught by a few boats in the past few days. Last week 64MT of Pollack came in as incidental catch or which means Pollock was caught in the Pacific Cod and Flatfish fisheries. The season total on Pollock as incidental catch is up 101MT (222,000lbs)

Pacific Cod: the harvest for the ending on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we had a harvest of 4,284MT (9.4 million lbs.) The breakdown for the week ending on January 18<sup>th</sup> for the Hook and line Catcher Processor was 1,445MT 3.1 million lbs.) for season 2,570MT (5.6 million lbs.) leaving 58,913MT to harvest (129 million lbs.). The Pot Cod 60> over fleet had a harvested 1,402MT (3.0 million lbs.) through January 18<sup>th</sup> the total harvest is 2,722MT (5.9 million lbs.) | leaving 7,883MT to harvest (17.3million lbs..)The Pot Cod 60< under fleet was 1,437MT (480,000 lbs.) | leaving 218MT (480,000lbs.) to harvest, NOAA closed this sector at noon on January 20<sup>th</sup> .

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawlers: We saw through January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup> 721MT (1.5 million lbs.) from the following species Arrowtooth Flounder, 13MT Flathead Sole, 48MT Yellowfin Sole 53MT Octopus, 52MT Greenland Turbot 1MT Skate561MT. We will achieve a much higher catch rate next week on the January 25<sup>th</sup> harvest report. The above harvests most came as bycatch in the pot cod and longline catcher processor cod harvests.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 1-27-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab Species 1-27-25.
3. Groundfish Harvest Date 1-18-2025 for Fixed Gear Cod and Flatfish Sole, Rockfish, Octopus and Skate
4. NOAA Reports

