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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 February 24, 2024, Groundfish Harvest 2-15-25, Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Tanner Crab, Snow Crab and State Water Pacific Cod 2-24-2025

The Pollock A season the fourth week is completed, on February 15th the harvest came at highest amount of the season by all four sectors so far at 56,442MT (124 million lbs.) for the season 200,388MT (441 million lbs.) leaving 398,558MT to harvest (878,421million lbs.) 33% of A season allocation is harvested from the A season allocation of 598,000MT (1.3 billion lbs.). If the weekly catch continues in 52 to 53,000MT rate that would leave about seven weeks of harvest left in the A season which would be last week of March for the A season to be completed depending on weather and harvest catch rates for the fleets.

The Pacific Cod totals last week ending on 2-15-25 for the fixed gear, and trawl fleets had harvest 7,920MT (17.4 million lbs.) including CDQ. The season total so far is 28,303MT (62.3 million lbs.) for fixed gear and trawl harvests.

State Water Pacific Cod 58'<pot cod vessels 140 landings for 12.6 million lbs. leaving 33.3 million lbs. to harvest 29% of the harvest is complete.

The Amendment 80 bottom trawl fisheries for the week ending on 2-15-25 for Sole, Perch, Mackerel, and Flounders. Last week this sector had another slow week harvested through last week was 5,985MT (13.1 million lbs.) for season 27,421MT (60.4 million lbs.)

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, through 2-24-25 we have two cost recovery landings. for ADFG. The poundage amount is 167,000lbs with another 52,000lbs to harvested. Both landings came from the Eastern District. There have also been 65 IFQ landings and 5 CDQ landings from the Eastern District, and Western Districts. The percentage for this year's landings of IFQ and CDQ, combined with the exact amount, is confidential, the estimated amounts at slightly more than 3.85 million lbs. That leaves an estimated 935,000 lbs. left to harvest from the Eastern District from the 4.8-million-pound IFQ and CDQ allocation, 81% of the harvest has been completed. There was

one Golden King Crab deliveries last week. There is currently one vessel starting fishing operations.

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab as of 2-24-25 we have fifty-six Eastern District Tanner Crab landings in Unalaska, including CDQ 1,477,087 lbs. leaving 292,913lbs. still available in the Eastern District 82% of the harvest is completed. In the Western District There have been forty -three landings so far including CDQ from twelfth vessels for Western District Tanner Crab for 1.62 million lbs. leaving of 2.87 million lbs. to harvest 40.5% of the harvest has been completed.

Bering Sea Snow Crab: for 2-24-25 there are twelve vessels registered to fish and on the grounds. This season we have had seventy-nine landings made into Unalaska plants for 3.17 million lbs. including CDQ from the 4.7-million-pound allocation, leaving 1.53 million lbs. to harvest 67% of the harvest is complete. The split between North and South deliveries is North 1.57 million lbs. South 1.79million lbs. CDQ 369,000lbs.

Pollock A season: Through 2-15-2025; the fourth week of the season the harvest total by all four sectors so far at 56,442MT (124 million lbs.) for the season 200,388MT (441 million lbs.) leaving 398,558MT to harvest (878,421million lbs.) 33% of the A season allocation is harvested from the A season allocation of 598,000MT (1.3 billion lbs.). If the weekly catch continues in 52 to 53,000MT rate that would leave about seven weeks of harvest left in the A season which would be last week of March for the A season to be completed depending on weather and harvest catch rates for the fleets.

CV Shoreside 23,947MT (52.7million lbs.) for the season 77,970MT (171 million lbs.) leaving 190,118MT A season Pollock to harvest (419million lbs.) 29% of the season A harvest is complete.

At Sea 18,548MT (40.8 million lbs.) for season 72,085MT (158 million lbs.) leaving 1142,385MT of season A Pollock to harvest (313 million lbs.) 34% of the A season harvest is complete.

Mothership 5,723MT (12.6 million lbs.) for season 16,333MT (35.9 million lbs.) leaving 37,285MT of season A Pollock to harvest (82.1million lbs.) 30% of the season A harvest is complete.

CDQ 8,674MT (19.1million lbs.) for season 34,000MT (74.9 million lbs.) leaving 27,875MT of season A Pollock to harvest (61.4 million lbs.) 55% of the A season harvest is complete.

Pollock Incidental Catch: Through 2-15-2025 the harvest was 2,071MT of Pollack came in as an incidental catch or which means Pollock was caught in the Pacific Cod and Flatfish fisheries. The season total on Pollock as incidental catch is 4,632MT (10.2 million lbs.) 10% of the harvest is complete leaving 41,618MT (91.7million lbs.)

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The breakdown by sector for the week ending on February 15th, 2025.

The Hook and Line Catcher Processor was 1,687MT (3.7 million lbs.) for season 8,652MT (19.0 million lbs.) leaving 52,831MT to harvest (116 million lbs.) 14% harvested.

The Pot Cod 60> over fleet had harvested 0MT (0 million lbs.) total harvest is 5,711MT (12.5 million lbs.) leaving 4,894MT to harvest (10.7million lbs.) 54% harvested.

The Pot Cod 60< under fleet was 0MT (0 lbs.) leaving 71MT (158,000lbs.) 98% to harvest.

The Trawl sector had a harvest of 4,698MT (10.3 million lbs.) by sector At Sea 82MT (180,728,) Amendment 80, 1,023MT (1.25 million lbs.) CV Sector 3,593MT (7.9 million lbs.) for season 8,235MT (18.1million lbs.) leaving 39,799MT (87.7 million lbs.) to harvest for the trawl sectors 17% of the harvest complete.

CDQ Harvest CDQ Harvest 1,326MT (2.9 million lbs.) for season 2,924MT (6.4 million lbs.) leaving 13,302MT (29.3 million lbs.) to harvest 13% of the harvest is complete.

State Water Pacific Cod 58'<pot cod vessels harvest for 2-24-25 158 landings for 14.1 million lbs. leaving 29.8 million lbs. to harvest 32% of the harvest is complete from 44.0 million lbs.

Amendment 80 Bottom Trawlers: Last week we had a harvest through February 15,2025 5,998MT (13.2 million lbs.) for season 24,079MT (53.0 million lbs.) total by species Perch Rockfish, 36MT Kamchatka Sole 23MT Other Flatfish 412MT Mackerel 1,799MT, Arrowtooth Flounder, 233MT Flathead Sole, 1,531MT Rock Sole, 7,477MT Yellowfin Sole 9,509MT Alaska Plaice 802MT MT Octopus, 154MT Greenland Turbot 1MT Skate 2,102MT. Trawl Sablefish 0

Groundfish Harvest 2-15-2025: Last week's harvest was 72,433MT (159.6 million lbs.) and an increase of 8,000MT from the previous week's harvest. For the season 257,478MT (567 million lbs.) leaving 1,783MMT (3.9 billion lbs.) to harvest 13% of the season allocation 2.04MMT (4.4billion lbs.) is complete.

Best Regards

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Attachments:

1. Fisheries Update Memo 2-24-25.
2. Harvest Data on Crab Species 2-24-25.
3. Groundfish Harvest Date 2-15-2025
4. NOAA Report