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Pollock Tightens -- Rockfish, Flounder Solid

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pollock

The B Season is over and we will be short on 10# 2-4 oz fillets until March 31, 2010; we have just enough 25# 2-4 oz fillets to cover demand. Supplies of 4-6 and all other Pollock items should be adequate until A Season arrives.

cod

We are out of 32+ Trident and Seafest Brand Cod; and have limited supplies of 16-32 oz Trident. The B Season did not produce enough large fillets to fill the void. We are allocating 32+ Trident brand. The best deal on shatterpack Cod is on 8-16 oz sizes.

rockfish

The 2009 Rockfish season has come to an end, and the fishery yielded a good cross section of fillet sizes. The market is stable at the current levels, but long-term commitments will be considered.

flounder

The 2009 Flounder fishery is finishing up, and overall the season was successful. Inventories will remain in good shape into the spring. Market prices are stable and should remain so into the spring.

keta salmon

Lower landings in Hokkaido and Alaska continue to cause upward pressure on Keta salmon.

sockeye salmon

Sales of Sockeye continue to be robust. Most Sockeye are fully allocated to programs, but that could change if program sales are sluggish. The next significant update will come after the first of the year.

coho salmon

Large Coho, 6# and up, are very short from Alaska. Coho were unusually small this year causing the market for large fish to firm. Large buyers secured most of the fish as they were produced, so the market is really dry to buy or sell.

tilapia

The strong supply situation across the board from all areas is forcing the market down on all common fillets.

pink salmon

Fishing throughout the world is now over for 2009. Prices remain relatively stable.

king crab

The Alaskan season is ending in time to meet Holiday demand. Larger sized Russian product will be arriving later, while smaller sizes are currently moving at reduced pricing to the retail market.

snow crab

The Alaskan season will commence in late January with the quota down by 16%. The Canadian market is sluggish and there seems to be some reduced availability of larger sized clusters.

dungeness crab

The season is scheduled to begin December 1 for the Lower-48 fishery. Harvest volume will be the main factor in determining further market conditions.

langostino lobster

Programs are now being set for the 2010 production year. There is continued growth in demand from ingredient customers and industrial accounts.

halibut

Halibut season ended November 15. Next year's quota is expected to drop slightly; expect the official announcement in mid-January. Inventories are down and market prices are climbing.

swordfish

Demand remains strong for this popular species and supplies are struggling to keep up, especially in the 8 oz size. Some packers are looking for high-quality raw material forcing price increases, while others pack lesser quality. The outlook remains tight.

yellowfin tuna

Supplies are adequate- to-good for a consistent demand. The market is steady-to-full for yellowfin, and the outlook is for continued availability and stable pricing through the end of the year.

mahi mahi

Demand remains good as suppliers balance their inventories with soon-to-arrive, new-season fish. The season is fully underway in S America and seems to be off to a good start. Outlook is good for new-season fish to arrive in December.

atlantic salmon

Overall supplies remain tight as many suppliers try to deal with the shortfall in Chile. Fresh markets continue to drive the price. The outlook is very uncertain as suppliers continue to scramble to meet strong demand in both the frozen and fresh sectors.

sea bass

Demand is relatively flat for a fully adequate supply. The short term outlook is for good supplies as winter beings to unfold in the southern hemisphere, but the long-term outlook is uncertain.

surimi

The supply of surimi raw material is expected to remain steady in 2010; be aware, however, that final Alaska Pollock quotas will not be set until mid-December.

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