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Tight Supply for Big Cod

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pollock

The B Season is almost over and we should be finished fishing the week of October 5th. At this time, we have adequate supplies of most items- enough to last until March 2010.

cod

We are out of 32+ Trident brand and have limited supplies of 16-32 Trident. The B Season is not producing any large amounts that are going to help. Currently, the best deal on Shatterpack Cod is on 8-16.

rockfish

The fall Rockfish harvest has begun and the fishery is yielding smaller fish. The market is currently stable as inventory is meeting demand.

flounder

The market is tight on most sizes of once-frozen Alaska Flounder. Late summer production is now available, with the fall fishery still to come.

keta salmon

There is good world-wide demand for Keta and a reduced forecast from Hokkaido has pushed prices up.

sockeye salmon

Of the 42 million fish harvested most of the fish were caught in Bristol Bay (71%) followed by North Peninsula (6%), Cook Inlet (5.5%) and prince William Sound (4%). Nine of the 10 regions account for only 29% of the fish harvested in the state.

coho salmon

The harvest is almost over. As of 9/18/09 Alaska fishery has harvested 3.4 million fish. The fish are much smaller this year which will create a shortfall in the pounds yielded. Coho were anticipated to be a good value, but prices have not dropped significantly.

tilapia

Fresh sales have somewhat saturated the market as well as lowered pricing on some sizes in the frozen markets. Chinese production is up and pricing is down accordingly.

pink salmon

Alaskan pink salmon landings have come in lower than forecasted with supplies tight and prices firm.

king crab

A quota reduction in Alaska and the smaller size of Russian crab means larger sizes will be more scarce in 2010. Smaller sizes are plentiful though; replacement cost exceeds market, so a slight strengthening is expected.

snow crab

The Alaskan quota cut for 2010 is not as drastic as expected with more than adequate supply from Russia and Canada currently feeding the moderate demand.

dungeness crab

There will be no new supply until December. And there is little inventory to cover the current needs.

langostino lobster

New and improved processing techniques add quality to the product and increase industrial and nation account sales opportunities.

halibut

Halibut landings are slowing and grounds prices have increased. Inventory of H&G Halibut and fletch appear to be far less than last year.

swordfish

Vessels continue to concentrate on Escolar limiting the Swordfish catch. Product remains tight for high quality "sashimi" raw material and the outlook remains unsettled as we head into the fall and the fleet contemplates their maintenance plans.

yellowfin tuna

Supplies of high quality raw material have been limited; traditionally landings between July and September tend to be light. The outlook is for improved catches as we head into October and November; expect supplies to improve at this time.

mahi mahi

Supplies are in good standing as demand is steady. A few lower offerings have been noted from Asia but overall activity has been light as most are in anticipation mode with the new season in Central/ South America set to begin in November/December.

atlantic salmon

Demand continues to exert pressure on the supply side and as a result the market has remained strong. The outlook will remain unsettled as product coming from South America continues to decline and product from Norway remains tight.

sea bass

Supplies of Sea Bass are fully adequate to meet the lackluster demand as buyers contemplate the affordability of this premium- priced specie.

surimi

While seafood news publications report drops in overseas raw material pricing, suppliers prepare for potential quota reductions. Final quota announcements are due in the coming months.

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