

May 2022





Species WATCH












Surimi Block	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Alaska Pollock					2022 A season is complete.	The A season fishery wrapped up in April. Overall season was positive but lower quotas and disruptions for the Ukraine/Russian war have left a void in supply globally. Expectations are for continued limited supply and rising prices for Alaskan Pollock in 2022 B season as well.
Pacific Whiting					Next season starts May 15.	The Pacific Whiting fishery will reopen next month. Expectations are for block costs to continue to rise as they typically mirror Alaska pollock in these interconnected markets. On a positive note, the TAC has increased by 14% over last year. While this may provide some relief longer term, it will likely not be enough to cover the overall gap in world markets. Prices for next season will not be set until the fishery opens in May.

Whitefish	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Pollock					The 2022 A season is winding down, B season will open on 6/10	2022 A season is going well so far. The fishery is at approx. 95% of the A season Quota harvested. Prices will remain firm and edge up on DS and PBO fillet blocks as the market remains short. The domestic IQF WAP fillet market also appears to remain in short supply until more 2022 A season product arrives.
Cod					The 2022 Cod fishery is going well, and we are good effort from the fleet.	Fishing and production have been going well. The domestic pacific cod supply remains very limited, and prices will continue to be firm. Primary focus in Alaska has been IQF fillets for VA production. Shatter pack cod production has been slow, with product arriving over the next couple weeks into New Cold. The twice frozen Cod products from China continue to be a challenge due to labor and shipping constraints.
Rockfish					The next fishery will begin in May 2022.	Good inventory on all sizes of fillets and B&B portions.

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Flounder     2021 Gulf of Alaska fishery closed due to bycatch concerns All sizes of fillets are tight due to no 2021 fishery. Next opportunity on 1x fillets will be Spring 2022

Halibut    The 2022 Season officially opened on March 6th. The quota is slightly up across all areas, about 9% in total. Most of the fish is still going into fresh market. Steady demand for frozen fletches remains high, and inventory continues to move at record high prices.

SALMON	Market	Supply	Demand	Forecast	Season Information	Comments
Sockeye					2022 Forecast: 74 million fish 2021 Harvest: 57.014 million fish	Record Sockeye salmon season expected in Alaska during 2022. While it may be a record number of fish, fish size has been decreasing so it may not be a record number of pounds
Atlantic				N/A	Prices continue to be strong	Prices are higher than the past ten years' record. The expectation is that this will continue during 2022
Coho					2022 Forecast: 3.6 million fish 2021 Harvest: 2.731 million fish	2022 Coho harvest is forecasted in line with 2021 projections, 2021 harvest was ~ 1 million fish below the forecast
Keta					2022 Forecast: 15.4 million fish 2021 Harvest: 12.837 million fish	Chum forecast is once again in line with recent projections, although we have seen harvests well below projections the previous few years, a lot of attention will be paid to this fishery
Pink					2022 Forecast: 67.2 million fish 2021 Harvest: 160.99 million fish	Down year for Pink salmon is forecasted, this is in line with even year harvests within the state

SHELLFISH	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
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Langostino Lobster					Quota for 2022 season down ~10%.	The 2022 season will be starting in the next two weeks. Supply chain issues continue to remain a challenge. New season product likely will start to arrive in July.
Gold King Crab					2021-22 season ongoing; 2022-23 quota TBD.	100% of the Eastern Alaskan fishery has been landed with some fishing left to go in Western Alaska. Trade ban on Russian crab will result in Golden King Crab being the only viable supply option on product USA King Crab, interest in this species will be strengthened but supplies are limited on this fishery. Demand has slowed slightly but limited supplies will keep market at strong levels relative to other crab items.
AK Red King Crab					2021 season closed due to low biomass.	Alaskan fishery closed for 2021. >90% of USA supply of King Crab is Russian origin, so buyers of King Crab will need to look to alternatives in the crab category once that supply disappears.
Opilio Snow Crab					2021-22 season fishing has begun; 76% of AK TAC landed through 4/1.	Still some fishing left to go and ice pack covering the fishing grounds has cleared so fleet will be resuming fishing in May. Inventories are available of 5-8oz. ~29.6% of USA Snow Crab imports in 2021 were from Russia. TAC increase in NL and Gulf of St Lawrence will put Canada quota above 200MM pounds.
Bairdi Snow Crab					2021-22 season fishing has begun; KDK/PEN fisheries completed while Bering Sea 100% landed. SE AK done as well.	Fishing is complete in the GOA and inventories of cooked are available out of Seattle area cold storages. Limited opportunity overall for this niche species and is a good alternative to limited King Crab from USA.
Dungeness Crab					No quota fishery. Alaska closed until May/June 2022 depending on fishing region. WOC all opened on December 1 st .	2021 season harvest from Alaska remains available. Pricing has fallen from highs in fall of 2021 and is a great opportunity for crab buyers for both Commodity or Value added products.

EXOTICS	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
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Mahi Mahi				N/A	The season has ended	Raw material needs for our value-added programs is secure
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SEAFOOD FOR ALL SEASONS

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SALMON												
King												
Sockeye												
Coho												
Keta												
Pink												
WHITEFISH												
Halibut												
Sablefish (Black Cod)												
Alaska Pollock												
Cod												
Sole/Flounder												
Rockfish												
SHELLFISH												
King Crab												
Snow Crab												
Dungeness Crab												
Shrimp/Spot Prawns												
Oysters												
Weathervane Scallops												

* Fish may be subject to sporadic openings and closings.