

June 2021

Species WATCH











Surimi Block	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Alaska Pollock					2021 A Season closed 4/30/21. B season to begin June 5 th in Akutan.	Overall Pollock block market is still in limited supply. Overall surimi block production for 2021 A was down 14% over previous year. Expectation is for further price increases into 2021 B Season as demand remains strong.
Pacific Whiting					Spring Season is finishing now.	Pacific Whiting surimi is in short supply. There is currently no inventory from previous seasons available in the market. The Trident fleet will finish up the spring season this weekend. Expectations are for block costs to continue to rise due to lack of inventory overall.





















Whitefish	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Pollock					The 2021 B Season will open June 10 th .	Demand for DS and PBO blk remains strong. Prices will continue to move up as market remains short. The IQF fillet market also remains short as production was impacted unfavorably during A season due labor constraints and a delayed startup. Market will remain limited on IQF fillets through July. IQF pollock loin production will be very limited as well in B season.
Cod					The main Bering Sea Cod Trawl fishery is complete. We will continue to receive fish from state water fisheries and smaller openings throughout the spring and summer months. B season Trawl fishery will start in September.	The supply availability has been limited although we are starting to see inventories build as A season product arrives down from Alaska. Limited supply coupled with demand surge in food service, especially in QSR and fast serve has allowed prices to remain firm. Twice frozen product is experiencing shipping delays, limited container and cold storage availability as well as increased freight costs, supporting firm prices in the market.

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Rockfish     2021 fishery is underway Good inventory on all sizes of fillets

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     Pacific halibut fishing season opened March 6th. The quota for Alaska has been increased approx. 12% over 2020. Although landing have been limited and very high prices being paid at the dock. Domestic inventories on frozen Halibut fletch and H&G fish are very limited. All product is currently supplying the fresh market at very high price levels. A small amount of fish is going into the freezer, although expect market to remain limited as demand continues to rise.

SALMON	Market	Supply	Demand	Forecast	Season Information	Comments
Sockeye					2021 Forecast: 46,577,000 fish 2020 Harvest: 46,375,000 fish	State came in at 94% of forecast, overall a good season. Market is tight, and prices are nearing record highs.
Atlantic					Firm prices expected for all 2021	Prices remain on the high end caused by a low supply from Chile This trend will continue in 2021.
Coho					2021 Forecast: 3,807,000 fish 2020 Harvest: 2,437,000 fish	It appears there is some Coho floating around the market, but at prices that are rivaling Sockeye. It seems with the lack of other species available, some are trying to maximize returns on what they do have.
Keta					2021 Forecast: 15,272,000 fish 2020 Harvest: 7,457,000 fish	Extreme lack of fish here has created supply issues with all Wild Salmon. These issues will be ongoing until the fisheries begin to open this summer.
Pink					2021 Forecast: 124,210,000 fish 2020 Harvest: 60,665,000 fish	Pink Salmon came in at 94% of forecast, and it was a very strong off year for Pinks. They are seeing increased pricing pressure due to the lack of Chum on the market.

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SHELLFISH	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Langostino Lobster	—	▼	—	▲	New season has started.	Quota up slightly for 2021 season but fishing is delayed due to COVID and strikes earlier this year. Logistical challenges caused by COVID continue to impact shipments. New season product will not arrive until July.
Gold King Crab	▲	▼	▲	▼	Season opened in August and is now closed, 97% of TAC landed.	Limited supplies remaining. New season should open in August. Quota expectations still unknown but based on catch rates we should see a 5-10% drop. New season will arrive starting in October.
AK Red King Crab	▲	▼	▲	▼	Done fishing, 100% of TAC harvested.	Sold out of 2020 season. Record pricing on all Red King Crab noted in the market. New season quota will be announced in October and new season crab will arrive in late November/early December.
Opilio Snow Crab	▲	▼	▲	▲	Fishing done, 99% of TAC landed.	Last supplies of the year are being received in at Cold Storage and working to get this inventory allocated to orders. Prices continue to climb against strong demand.
Bairdi Snow Crab	▲	▼	▲	—	Fishing effort should resume after Opilio season, 62% of TAC landed.	Quota announced at 2.3mm pounds for this season in the Bering Sea and Kodiak season closed for 2021. The Bering Sea fishery has officially closed with ~38% of the TAC left in the water due to poor fishing. Strong catch in SE Alaska Bairdi but a limited fishery overall.
Dungeness Crab	▲	▼	▲	—	Season opened in some areas but closed in the major fishing areas. No quota fishery.	New season harvest in Alaska will begin in May/June with availability starting in July. Expectation is for high price levels and no inventory is available in the market today.
EXOTICS	Market	Supply	Demand	Quota	Season Information	Comments
Mahi Mahi	▲	—	—	N/A	October 2021 fishery.	Slow season start and Covid challenges in S.A. mid-season led to lower fishing effort and rising prices. Domestic portion inventory remains low while focus was on producing RM for burger. Please reach out regarding any opportunities.



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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.