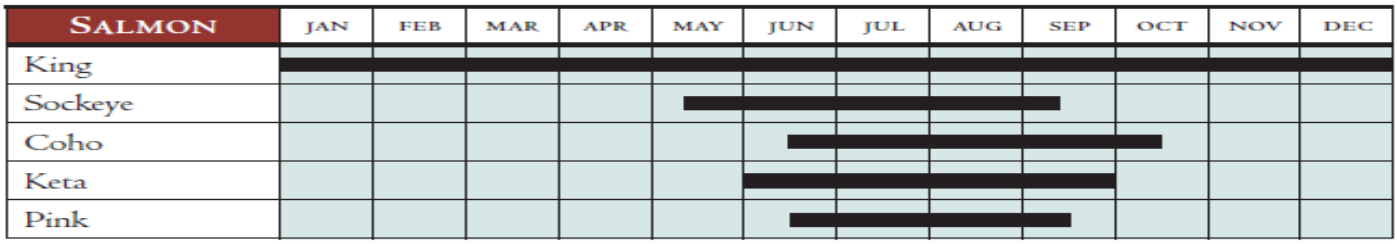
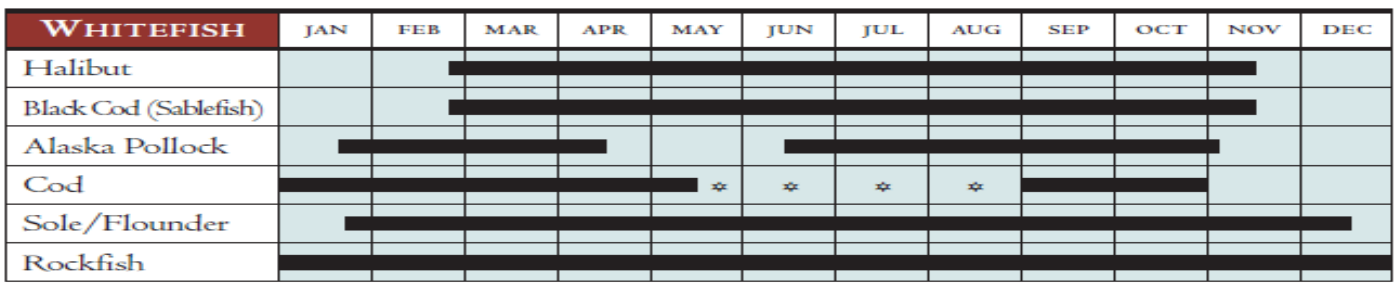
The 2014 Salmon Season is coming to a close. As with every salmon season, I think we can say that this one was "different" and "not exactly what we expected". No matter what the quota's say, when you are dealing with fish you never know what you will get.

For Alaska, the Sockeye and Pink catches exceeded the quota slightly, with Bristol Bay having a stronger than expected run of sockeye and Prince William Sound having a good pink salmon run. Across the state, Keta was short and will be in high demand in the market. Coho was probably average, though the Bristol Bay catch was higher than expected.

So, what's next? Our King Cove facility is busy processing both Pollock and Pacific Cod. Quota's will be coming out for crab and Red King Crab will open up on October 15th.

A recurring question we continue to answer is what is RFM and what does it mean? RFM stands for Responsible Fisheries Management and is an independent third party fisheries certification program with formal ISO accreditation. RFM is directly based on the world's most comprehensive and respected fisheries management guidelines developed by the United Nations Fisheries and Agriculture Organization, developed through collaboration amongst governments, scientists and conservationists. Currently, eight of Alaska's major fisheries are RFM Certified – salmon, halibut, black cod, Alaska Pollock, cod, BSAI king and snow crab, and flatfish. Any company that has qualified for certification can trace the seafood back through the supply chain to the certified fishery.

Below is the schedule for fishing in Alaska.