AGENDA C-2 MAY 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Council, SSC and AP7
FROM:	Jim H. Branson Executive Director
DATE :	May 23, 1983

SUBJECT: Sablefish Joint Venture Permit Review

ACTION REQUIRED

Review permit for Japanese joint venture for sablefish.

BACKGROUND

In March the Council recommended approval for the Japanese longline/processor RYUSHO MARU No. 18 to receive 400 mt of sablefish and other incidentally taken species from 10 to 20 U.S. longline vessels in the West Yakutat area in August 1983. Item C-2(a) is the draft minutes for the permit review portion of the March Council meeting. Item C-2(b) is the permit application. Item C-2(c) is my letter sent to Bill Gordon recommending approval.

Because the permit application had not appeared in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u> by the time of our action, the Council must reconsider the permit.

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It was the concensus of the Council that the SSC's recommendation to have Council staff prepare a summary of the Stokes report for public distribution should be accepted.

Jim Branson suggested to the Council that a workgroup be appointed to evaluate such a synopsis so that it can be completed and put out for public comment before the next Council meeting. Chairman Tillion said he would appoint such a group.

Don Collinsworth suggested that the Executive Director and Council staff, or the workgroup, could re-evaluate and restate the objectives of limited entry. It was the concensus of the Council that this could be done by staff and workgroup when developing the synopsis.

C-3 Foreign Permit Applications

The Council received five foreign permit applications for review: Permit #JA-83-0620 for the RYUSHO MARU NO. 18, a Japanese longliner, to receive sablefish from U.S. fishermen; a request for a Soviet joint venture for herring; Permit #JA-83-0566 to add the Gulf of Alaska to the permit of the KYOWA MARU NO. 11; a Spanish joint venture for cod and pollock; and permit #PO-83-0013 for the Portugese vessels VIMEIRO and S. RAFAEL. The Council received public testimony before hearing the Permit Review Committee's report.

Public Testimony

Don Giles, representing Icicle Seafoods, testified against the the permit application submitted by Japan for the longline/sablefish joint venture. Mr. Giles said that Icicle Seafoods and other American processors have the facilities to handle black cod and are ready and willing to do so.

<u>Nancy Gross</u>, City Administrator, City of Akutan. Ms. Gross presented testimony outlining the importance of the fisheries and processors to her city. A large portion of the city budget is derived from taxes on fish. She urged the Council to assist Trident Seafoods in their negotiations with the Portugese and to approve the Portugese permit application.

<u>Paul MacGregor</u>, representing the North Pacific Longline-Gillnet Assn. briefly described the proposed joint venture for the Japanese longline/processor RYUSHO MARU NO. 18 to receive 400 mt of black cod and other incidentally taken species from U.S. longline vessels in the West Yakutat area in August, 1983. He feels this joint venture will provide a market for longline vessels in an area which is remote from traditional U.S. fishing grounds and will promote westward expansion of the U.S. fishery. The operation also affords an opportunity for U.S. longliners to explore a new area without having to incur the costs of running time and fuel expenses and without competition from foreign fishing vessels. Mr. MacGregor cited several other advantages of the operation, which were presented to the Council in written form.

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<u>Greg Baker</u>, Sitka longliner, spoke in favor of the Japanese joint venture for black cod. He is part of the group of longliners which would take part in the operation. Because of the travel time between this fishing area and the nearest processor, he feels this venture will not take business away from U.S. processors as fishermen are not likely to participate if they have to deliver to U.S. processors. He feels that without this joint venture, U.S. longliners are not likely to harvest the 400 mt at all. The Japanese are also offering to cease fishing in that area during this joint venture, thus eliminating the competition and possibility of gear conflicts. Mr. Baker feels this joint venture is the most expeditious way to harvest the OY in this particular area.

<u>Charles Bundrant</u>, Trident Seafoods, spoke on the Portugese request for a directed allocation. He asked the Council to request Governor Sheffield to arrange a meeting between Portugese and U.S. officials to facilitate a direct allocation contingent on the Portugese buying a suitable tonnage of salted cod from Trident Seafoods.

<u>Rick Lauber</u>, Pacific Seafood Processors Assn., advised the Council that most of the processors are in opposition to the Japanese joint venture for sablefish. Processors were not contacted before the longliners began plans for this joint venture. He feels that U.S. processors are willing and able to handle the sablefish and he is therefore opposed to the granting of this application.

Public testimony was concluded.

Report of the Permit Review Committee

Committee Chairman Keith Specking reported for the Committee which includes Rudy Petersen, Bob McVey, Joe Kurtz, and Jim Campbell. Deputy Director Clarence Pautzke also attended.

The Committee deferred action on the USSR/Marine Resources joint venture herring request until after agenda item D-2 has been considered.

The Committee recommended against approval of the Japanese sablefish joint venture request based on a desire to encourage the continued development of Alaska's shoreside processing capability.

The Committee recommended that the Council approve the request by the Japanese medium stern trawler, KYOWA MARU NO. 11 to add the Gulf of Alaska to its existing permit to fish for groundfish in the Bering Sea/Aleutians area.

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The Committee deferred action on the Spanish request for a Pacific cod and pollock allocation in the Gulf of Alaska because the permit application was administratively incomplete.

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The Committee recommended that the Council approve the Portugese request for a Pacific cod and pollock allocation in the Gulf of Alaska <u>only if</u> Portugal commits to buy a major tonnage of Pacific cod from U.S. shore-based processors at an acceptable market price. The Committee recommended that the Council be provided with a signed contract detailing this commitment to purchase before any fishing privileges are granted to Portugal.

Council Action

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Jim Campbell moved to deny the joint venture permit application from Spain. Harold Lokken seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried.

Jim Campbell moved that the Council approve the permit application from Japan for the medium stern trawler, KYOWA MARU NO. 11 to add the Gulf to its current bottomfish permit. Bob Mace seconded the motion, which carried with no objections.

Bob Mace moved to approve the application from the RYUSHO MARU NO. 18 for the Japanese sablefish joint venture. The motion was seconded by Harold Lokken and the motion carried 6-4, with Stephan, McVey, Specking, and Campbell voting against.

Keith Specking moved that the Portugese request be approved contingent on the commitment of Portugal to purchase a major tonnage of Pacific cod from U.S. shore-based processors at an acceptable market price, with a signed document detailing this commitment provided to the Council before any fishing privileges are granted. Bob Mace seconded the motion which carried with no objections.

Harold Lokken moved that the Council approve in principle the Marine Resources Co./USSR proposed joint venture under the conditions proposed by Marine Resources Company. Bob Mace seconded the motion, which failed with Stephan, McVey, Specking, Campbell, Collinsworth, and Tillion opposed.

C-4 Other Business

Jim Branson asked the Council to approve for public review the 1984-85 Salmon PSC Amendment for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Groundfish Fishery. The figures for the 1984-85 PSC proposed for public review are: For 1984, the total for salmon would be 38,441 with 35,750 chinook, for 1985, 27,957 with 26,000 chinook.

COUNCIL ACTION

Bob Mace moved that the 1984-1985 Salmon PSC Amendment be approved by the Council for public review. The motion was seconded, and carried with no objection.

AGENDA C-2(b) MAY 1983

No.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR VESSEL PERMITS TO RECEIVE

UNITED STATES HARVESTED FISH FROM VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES

WITHIN THE FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE

the dovernment of <u>Capan</u> submits this application for permits for vessels under its jurisdiction to receive United States harvested fish from vessels of the United States within the fishery consevation zone of the United States, during the year 1983.

Fishing Vessel Identification Forms are attached to this application. The fisheries, species, and amounts of United States harvested fish desired to be received by vessels of the ______ Japanese _____ flag are as follows;

Fishery	.! Total Tonnage Species ! Requested For Each Species (MT)
Gulf of Alaska Ground- fish	Target Species1 386 MT (round weight)Sablefish!
	Incidental Species ! Thornyhead, Rockfish Pacific Ocean Perch 14 MT (round weight) Red Snapper I
	1 1 1 400 MT total 1 1

Detailed descriptions of the methods of operation proposed for each fishery requested are attached and form a part of this application.

Submitted: February 28, 1983

(Date)

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(Hisao Azuma Signature

Counseller, • Embassy of Japan

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council



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April 8, 1983

Mr. William Gordon Assistant Administrator for Fisheries National Marine Fisheries Service 3300 Whitehaven, Page 2 Washington, DC 20235

Dear Bill,

The Council last week recommended approval of the permit application No. JA-83-0620 from the RYUSHO MARU NO. 18 to engage in a joint venture with American longliners in the Gulf of Alaska. They propose to buy approximately 400 metric tons of sablefish from 10 to 20 U.S. longline vessels in the west Yakutat area of the Gulf of Alaska. They will be operating between 140°W and 147°W longitude during the month of August.

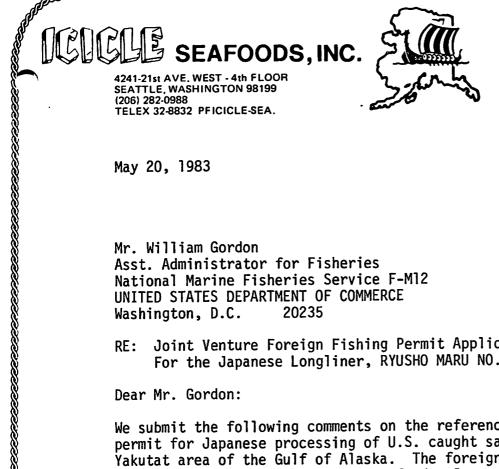
The Council recommendation for approval came after extended debate and testimony from American fishermen, American industry representatives, and Japanese industry representatives. Their decision was generally based on the assumption that if the at-sea market was not available to American fishermen in that area that those fish would probably go to TALFF rather than being caught by American fishermen. It's an area of the Gulf that is almost equidistant between U.S. shore-based markets in Southeastern Alaska and in Seward. While it is not as far from Cordova, market conditions in Cordova appeared to be spotty and U.S. processors there have refused to accept black cod in the recent past. The Council decision was a close one, made by a vote of 6 to 4.

The Japan Longline and Gillnet Association stated in their testimony at the Council meeting that they would buy at least 400 tons of processed sablefish directly from American processors this season. And, of course, they have worked closely with American longliners in the past to develop handling procedures and market outlets for their fish. It should be noted, however, that the U.S. processing industry, as represented at the Council meeting, was uniformly opposed to approval of this joint venture.

Sincerely,

Yim H. Branson Executive Director

cc Dr. James A. Storer NMFS Regional Office



May 20, 1983

Mr. William Gordon Asst. Administrator for Fisheries National Marine Fisheries Service F-M12 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Washington, D.C. 20235

Joint Venture Foreign Fishing Permit Application No. JA-83-0620 RE: For the Japanese Longliner, RYUSHO MARU NO. 18

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We submit the following comments on the referenced application for a permit for Japanese processing of U.S. caught sablefish in the West Yakutat area of the Gulf of Alaska. The foreign permit application should be denied because Icicle Seafoods, Inc., will use its more than adequate capacity to process the U.S. sablefish. No surplus of U.S. fish will remain for allocation to foreign processing.

Where U.S. Processors With Adequate Capacity Commit to Process 1. the Anticipated Catch of U.S. Fishermen in a U.S. Fishery, Foreign Processors Should Not be Granted Processing Permits Which Compete for the Same U.S. Fish.

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In 1976, the U.S. Congress passed the FCMA which extended U.S. jurisdiction over all fisheries located within 200 miles of the U.S. shoreline. A question later arose whether a permit for foreign processing could be denied where U.S. processors could fully utilize the U.S. harvest. In response, Congress passed the Processor Preference Amendment to give U.S. processors a clear and unequivocal first right to purchase and process U.S. caught fish. The House report (HR 13340) provided as follows:

"The purpose of the legislation is to provide a favorable economic climate for the development of the U.S. fish processing industry. In accomplishing this purpose, the legislation provides a preference for U.S. fish processors to U.S. harvested fish, to the extent such processors have the capacity, and will utilize that capacity, to process such fish."

The House report went on to explain the mechanism as follows:

"The legislation authorizes the Secretary to approve a foreign permit application for the purchase of U.S. harvested fish for processing at sea only if U.S. fish processors do not have the capacity, or will not utilize their capacity, to process all of the U.S. harvested fish from the fishery concerned. If such an application is approved it may be approved only for the excess fish which will not be utilized by U.S. processors."

This concept of utilization and capacity by U.S. processors was incorporated into the statutory test under the MFCMA. The Act precludes the issuance of a permit for foreign processing where "United States fish processors have adequate capacity, and will utilize such capacity, to process all United States harvested fish from the fishery concerned." 16 U.S.C. Subsection 1824(b)(6)(B).

In applying this test, price or other terms offered by U.S. processors to U.S. fishermen should not be considered. House Report 13340 provides that U.S. processors should not be required to outbid foreign processors, as follows:

"With respect to the determination of U.S. processing capacity and intent, the committee does not intend that U.S. processors demonstrate an ability to outbid the price or other contract provisions offered by foreign processors in order to establish capacity and intent."

With respect to geographic locations or processing facilities, the House Report point outs that geography can be considered but only along the magnitudes of fish caught in Alaska being delivered to processing plants in California.

"Second, the Secretary may consider the proximity of harvested areas to the facilities of U.S. fish processors. Geographical considerations are important due to the rapid deterioration and commensurate reduction in quality of certain species of fish which are not processed within a short period of time after bieng harvested. Thus, the existence of U.S. processing capacity on the East Coast may be irrelevant to the determination of whether U.S. processing capacity and intent exists with respect to fish which are harvested in the Pacific Ocean. Furthermore, for certain species of fish, the fact that a U.S. fish processor in California has the capacity and intent to process that fish may be irrelevant in determining whether a U.S. fisherman harvesting fish off the coast of Alaska may sell that fish to a foreign fishing vessel for processing at sea.

> The converse is also true. U.S. fishing vessels operating in a specific geographic area may not point to the absence of U.S. fish processing capacity and intent to process all U.S. harvested fish from that fishery if, in a given area U.S. fish processors do have the capacity and intent to process such fish." (Emphasis added.)

Where distances from the fishing grounds to shore-based U.S. processors are logistically feasible, geography is not a factor in determining U.S. processing capacity and intent.

In determining whether U.S. processors will fully utilize U.S. caught fish, the Secretary of Commerce is required to "make a record of the facts and other information upon which the estimates are based and will make the record available for public review. . . " This obligation to base the decision on a factual record is imposed by a Consent Decree entered in New England Fish Co., and Icicle Seafoods, Inc., vs. Juanita M. Kreps, Secretary of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Terry L. Leitzell, and Korea Marine Industry Development Corporation, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil No. 79-1196, entered January 3, 1980.

In summary, U.S. processors may not be forced to bid against foreign processors for U.S. caught fish. Differences in price, terms, incidental benefits, convenience, or the fisherman's net profit may not be considered when deciding whether to issue a foreign processing permit. Geographical distances become a factor only when the distance is so great as to make physically impossible the development over time of U.S. shore-based fisheries. Where a U.S. processor has received deliveries from the fishing grounds in issue, has adequate plant capacity to purchase and process all the fish from those grounds, and has committed to do so, no foreign processor may be issued a permit to compete for the same U.S. caught fish.

 Icicle Seafoods, Inc., a U.S. Processor with Adequate Capacity, Has Committed to Process the Anticipated U.S. Catch of 400 Metric Tons of Sablefish in the West Yakutat Area.

This permit application involves longline fishing for sablefish in the West Yakutat area of the Gulf of Alaska between 140° to 147° west longitude. According to the testimony of a proponent, Greg Baker, before the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the intended area of operation for the proposed joint venture fishing effort would be the waters encompassed by a 60 mile radius drawn around Cape St. Elias. This area includes the waters off Cape Suckling at its center, Cape Yakataga on the east and Middleton Island on the west.

We already participate in the developing U.S. fishery in this area through our processing plant in Seward, Alaska. From August, 1982 through May, 1983, Seward received 13 deliveries by U.S. longliner vessels of sablefish caught in the West Yakutat area. Two were from Cape Suckling. Eight were from Middleton Island. Two were from Cape Yakataga. One was from Yakutat Bay. The runs of the longliner vessels from the fishing grounds to Seward ranged from 110 to 330 miles with an average of 160 miles. One vessel even ran from the Fairweather Grounds for a distance of 440 miles. The center of the proposed fishing grounds for the foreign joint venture is Cape St. Elias--approximately 165 miles from Seward.

These hard facts demonstrate beyond question that we are developing an all U.S. sablefish fishery in the West Yakutat area. U.S. longliner vessels have delivered to Seward from the farthest reaches of the West Yakutat area during periods when prices fluctuated within normal historical ranges. No one can reasonably question whether our plant at Seward can support a developing sablefish fishery in this area. It already does.

The capacity and desire of Icicle, however, greatly exceeds the current capacity of U.S. fishermen to deliver sablefish. (See background and report on Icicle's Seward Plant.) Icicle's General Manager for the area, Don Giles, aptly described this abundant capacity and desire in his testimony before the North Pacific Fishery Management Council on April 1, 1983. Appropriate excerpts from his testimony are quoted below:

"Giles: Thank you Mr. Chairman. My name is Don Giles, I am General Manager for Icicle Seafoods. I would like to comment on the proposed black cod joint venture off of the west of Yakutat, Cape St. Elias area. I guess, first of all I would like to say that Icicle Seafoods would like to participate in this fishery. We have two plants in central Alaska, one in Homer and one in Seward. Our Seward plant is one of the largest halibut ports in Alaska, if not the largest. We have continually processed two to three million pounds [909-1,364 MT.] of halibut there every year. We have the facilities and are set up to process and handle the type of fleet that would be out fishing for this black cod in this area."

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"Council: What about price. Is your price more attractive than what the Japanese are willing to pay?

Giles: I do not know what the Japanese are willing to pay. Our prices have been competitive with every place else in the state--U.S. processors.

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Council: Dr. Collinsworth.

Council: Yes. At that price, whatever it might be, how much product would you purchase this year? I mean, how much would you purchase and how much can you process, what will your market bear?

Giles: We can process, we feel like capacity wise, one hundred seventy-five thousand to two hundred thousand pounds [80-91 MT.] on a daily basis. We feel--our up-to-date our market-- we do not know what our market will bear because the volumes we have been receiving have not been very substantial at all."

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"Giles: The timing as I understand was the month of August and there would be no problem capacity wise for us at all. Basically, our salmon season is wrapped up by the latter part of July and the first part of August and usually what we are doing in August--we have very few freezer quality fish and most of our salmon goes to the cannery and makes our cold storage traditionally available at that time of year, so there would not be a problem."

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"Council: Is there no doubt in your mind then that you could take four hundred metric tons of black cod?

Giles: There is no doubt in my mind that we could take four hundred metric tons of black cod...(interrupted)

Council: That you would, and market conditions couldn't change between now and then, that might change your mind.

Giles: We would buy four hundred tons of black cod during the month of August if it was available to us."

Conclusion

U.S. longline fishermen propose to catch 400 metric tons more sablefish this year than in past years. A Japanese longliner vessel, RYUSHO MARU NO. 18, is asking the U.S. government for a permit to purchase the 400 metric tons. We also seek to purchase the 400 metric tons. Since we have committed to purchase and process the 400 metric tons, the foreign

THE COMPANY

ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC., was incorporated in the State of Alaska in 1965 to engage in the catching, processing, and selling of seafood products. From its inception, ICICLE's activities have been concentrated in Alaska. Since 1965, the Company has substantially expanded its operations through the acquisition of subsidiaries and by acquiring vessels, canneries, and freezing and cold storage facilities. As a result, the Company, through its operations, conducts business in most of the major fishing areas of Alaska.

The Company processes and sells seafood products which are caught in the coastal waters off the states of Alaska and Washington or which it purchases from other sources.

ICICLE operates the following processing facilities:

- 1. Petersburg, Alaska
- 2. Seward, Alaska
- 3. Ninilchik, Alaska
- 4. Homer, Alaska
- 5. Arctic Star (Floating Processor)
- 6. Bering Star (Floating Processor)
- 7. Bellingham, Washington

These facilities represent a capital investment of over \$40,000,000 within the State of Alaska. A more detailed description of operations and capabilities of each of these facilities is included later in this presentation.

The relationship of ICICLE and its operations is shown on the following page.

ICICLE is an Alaskan corporation with over 70% of its stock being owned by residents of the State of Alaska. A majority of the Board of Directors are Alaska residents.

processing permit should not be issued. The preference in favor of U.S. processors, found in the MFCMA, is designed to protect our developing U.S. processing industry from direct competition with foreign processors for U.S. fish. Since there were questions by the Council regarding Icicle's capabilities, I have attached a resume of factual data regarding our size, marketing capability, employment, etc. I hope this will answer any question you may have regarding our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. Robert F. Brophy President

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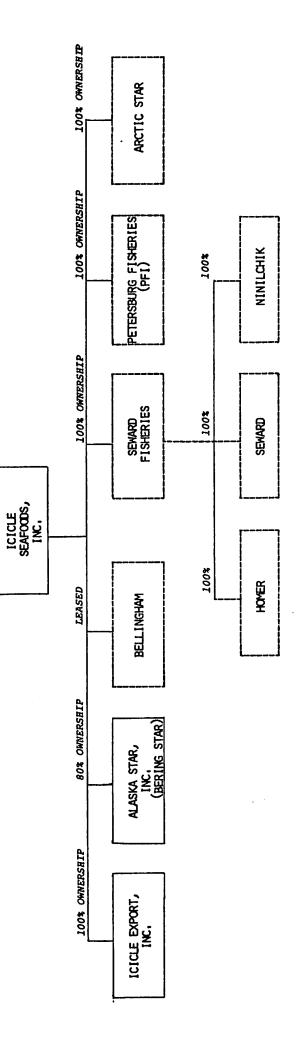
Enclosures

cc: North Pacific Fishery Management Council Members--

Ray Arnaudo James O. Campbell Don W. Collinsworth Joe Demmert, Jr. Dr. John R. Donaldson Dr. John P. Harville RADM Richard Knapp Harold E. Lokken Robert W. McVey Rudy Petersen Keith Shreiner Keith Specking Jeffrey R. Stephan Clement V. Tillion Bill Wilkerson

The Honorable William Sheffield Robert Morgan, PSPA Jim Branson ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. Corporate Structure

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During the calendar year of 1982, ICICLE employed 2,798 individuals in the State of Alaska representing a gross payroll paid in Alaska of over \$15,000,000. Approximately 45% of those employed were Alaska residents and over 50% of the payroll dollars went to those residents.

During the calendar year of 1982, ICICLE purchased a total of 100,104,000 pounds of seafood products within the State of Alaska. This product had an ex-vessel value of approximately \$54,000,000. ICICLE paid to the State of Alaska in excess of \$1,800,000 in fish taxes and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute assessments. According to the Seafood Business Report for 1982, ICICLE was the largest producer of fresh and frozen salmon, halibut, bairdi crab, shrimp, roe herring and canned pink salmon in the State of Alaska. In addition, ICICLE ranked second in the production of dungeness crab.

We pride ourselves in providing a year around market for fishermen, and to the extent possible, a degree of stability in employment for our resident employees.

In short, we feel we are a major factor in the Alaska Seafood Industry with an established track record of providing excellent markets for our fishermen. The charts and explanations below show the production capacities, product mix and operating seasons of the Company's major facilities.

PETERSBURG

Being centrally located in Southeastern Alaska and with its tender fleet and buying stations, Petersburg's canning and freezing capacity enables it to be the major producer in Southeast Alaska. This geographic location ensures product through its diversification of areas available, particularly in the salmon runs that may vary from year to year in various locations.

	JAN .	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	0CT	NOV	DEC
Salmon (Troll)	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Salmon (Net)						x	x	x	x	x		
King Crab		x	x	x	х	х	x	x	х		x	
Snow Crab		х	х									
Dungeness Crab	х	х				X	x	х	x	x	X	x
Halibut						х	х					
Sable	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	X	x	x	X	x
Shrimp	х	x	x	x	х	х	x	Х	x	x	X	x
Herring (Bait)	x										х	x
Herring (Roe)			x	x	x							
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Product Mix and Schedule of Operations --

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Seward freezes and cans salmon and crab product from Prince William Sound and the central district as far west as Chignik. Salmon, flown into Homer from Bristol Bay and the AYK (Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim) district, may be forwarded to Seward for canning if not up to freezing standards. Halibut and sable is received from as far west as the Bering Sea and from as far south as Yakutat. Seward traditionally handles more halibut than any other single plant in the world.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	0CT	NOV	DEC
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Salmon (Net)					х	x	х	x	x			
King Crab									х	x	х	
Snow Crab	х	x	x	x	х						x	X
Dungeness Crab					х	x		x	х			
Halibut						х	x	х	x			
Sable	x	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	x	х	X	х
Shrimp				NOT	PR	CESSE	D					
Herring (Bait)									х	x	X	
Herring (Roe)				x	x							
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HOMER

Homer's location in Cook Inlet is an important source of product for ICICLE's plants. It is the main producer of shrimp and crab in the Cook Inlet region, and its all-weather airport receives product from Bristol Bay to the AYK. In addition, salmon and herring are tendered from Kodiak and Chignik as well as Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound.

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Salmon (Net)						х	x	x	х			
King Crab							x	х	x	х	х	
Snow Crab	x	x	x	x	х						х	x
Dungeness Crab						x	x	х	x	x	х	
Halibut						х	х	х				
Sable	x	x	x	х	x	x	x	х	· X	x	x	x
Shrimp	x	х					х	х		х	х	
Herring (Bait)				NOT	PRO	CESSE	D					
Herring (Roe)				x	x							

Product Mix and Schedule of Operations --

Capacity --

Number of High Speed Canning Lines	- None	Freezing Capacity (1bs., per 24 hrs.)	- 300,000
Ice Making Capacity (Tons per 24 hrs.)	- 90	Cold Storage Capacity (lbs.)	- 1,600,000
Ice Storage Capacity (Tons)	- 100		

ARCTIC STAR & BERING STAR

The mobility of these two sea plants provides much of ICICLE's high value products. The barges will begin the season at Togiak and Norton Sound for the herring fishery, then move to Bristol Bay for the important red salmon run in that area. Other important salmon species are included, but the most important and valuable product is the red salmon run, the world's largest. Following this season, the vessels are moved to Southeastern Alaska and Prince William Sound to participate in these salmon fisheries.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	0CT	NOV	DEC
Salmon (Troll)		<u>.</u>		NOT	PR	CESSE	D					
Salmon (Net)						x	х	x				
King Crab									х	x	x	
Snow Crab		x	х									
Dungeness Crab				NOT	PR	OCESSE	D					
Halibut				NOT	PR	OCESSE	D					
Sable				NOT	PR	OCESSE	D					
Shrimp				NOT	PR	OCESSE	D					
Herring (Bait)				NOT	PR	OCESSE	D					
Herring (Roe)				x	x							
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Product Mix and Schedule of Operations --

¹Arctic Star ²Bering Star

OTHER VESSELS

ICICLE also owns six other vessels which are used as salmon and herring tenders. Two of these are also employed as fishing vessels in the King and Tanner Crab fisheries. ICICLE also owns four barges which it uses as fish-buying stations during the salmon season. ICICLE's owned tender fleet is as follows:

Viking Queen

An all steel 111'5" x 26'2" crabber and chilled sea-water tender. Built in 1967 by Flohr & Co., and Pacific Fishermen, Inc., of Seattle. Hull was lengthened 19'6" in 1977 by Marco. Tonnage: Gross: 198, Net: 134.

Tani Rae

An all steel 92' x 24' crabber and chilled sea-water tender. Built in 1972 by Bender in Mobile, Alabama. Tonnage: Gross: 161.

Howkan

An all wood, purse seine-type, chilled sea-water tender. 78.5' x 19.6'. Tonnage: Gross: 99. Built in Tacoma in 1929.

Mitkof

An all wood, purse seine-type and chilled sea-water tender. 86' x 21.4'. Tonnage: Gross: 106. Built in Tacoma in 1940.

Chichagof

An all wood, conventional power scow-type, 86' x 26.4'. Tonnage: Gross: 149. Originally built for the U.S. Army in 1942.

Kupreanof

An all steel 82' crabber and tender. Built by Skeen Wylie, Ltd., in Texas in 1975. Tonnage: Gross: 137.

RESOURCE ACQUISITION

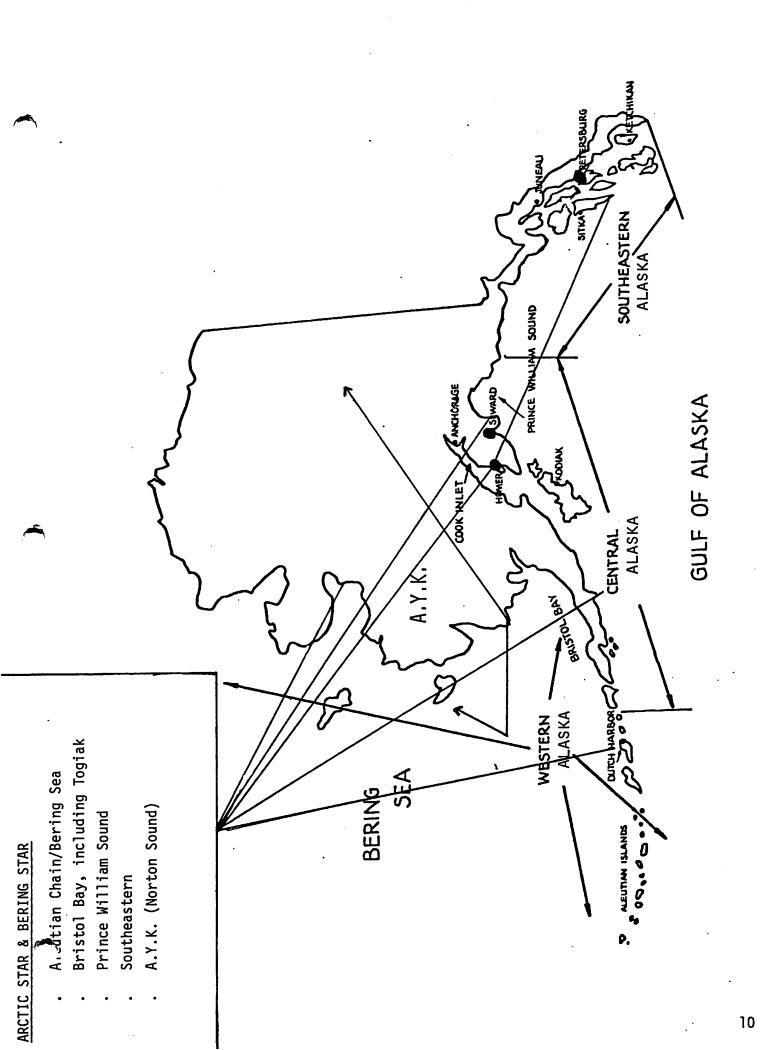
The map on the following page shows the location of the Company's processing facilities in relation to the major fishing districts in the State of Alaska.

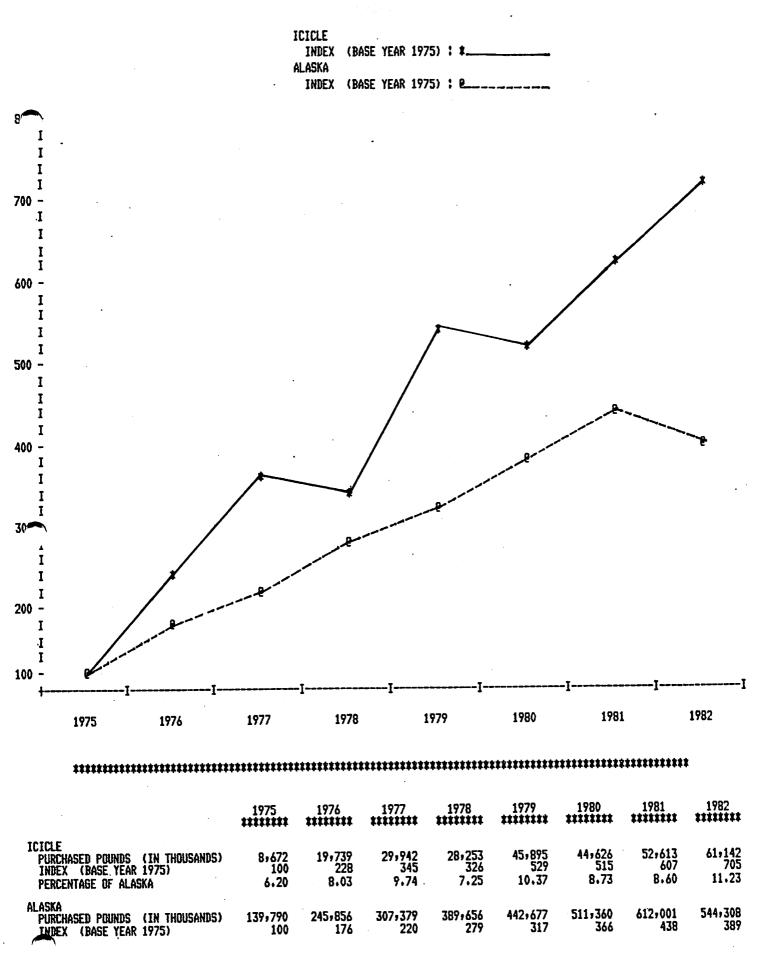
The large processing capacities and strategic location of the Company's processing facilities allow the Company to maintain a high quality product even during peak production periods. In addition, the location and/or mobility of the plants provide the Company the opportunity to take advantage of unusually large fish runs.

In certain years and locations when excess capacity is available, the Company may custom process for other companies to increase its volume, thus covering plant overhead and other fixed costs and moderating variable costs.

The graphs on pages 11 through 20 indicate the success ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC., has experienced in its core product resource acquisition program. The graphs are prepared on an Index basis. ICICLE's production is related to total Alaska production. Graphical presentation is presented for the following species/products:

- Total Salmon Catch
- Canned Salmon
- Fresh & Frozen Salmon
- Halibut
- King Crab
- Snow Crab
- Dungeness Crab
- . Herring
- . Sablefish
- . Shrimp

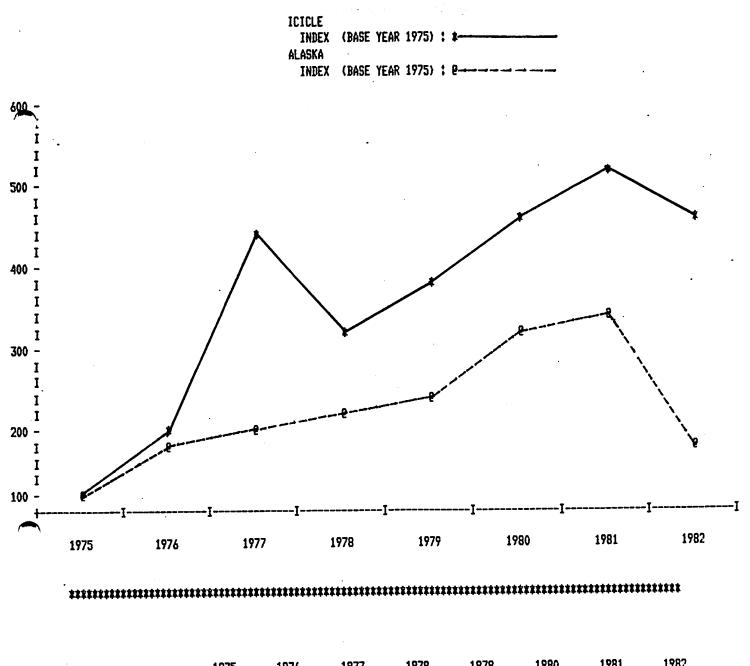




ICICLE SEAFODDS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES SALMON PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982

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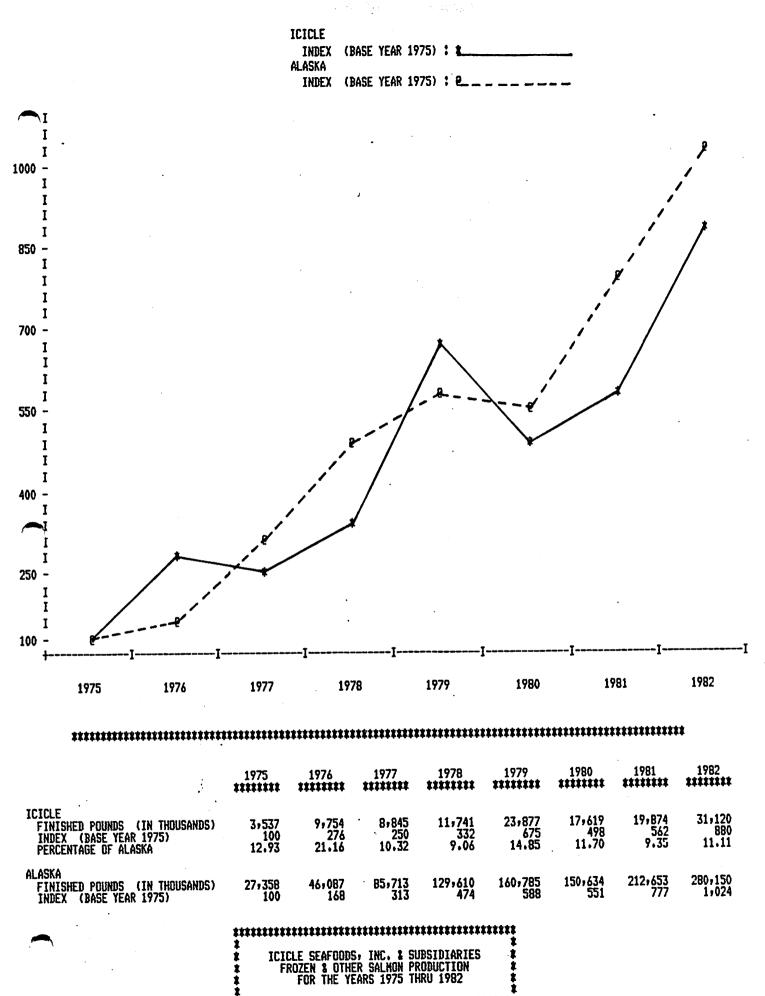
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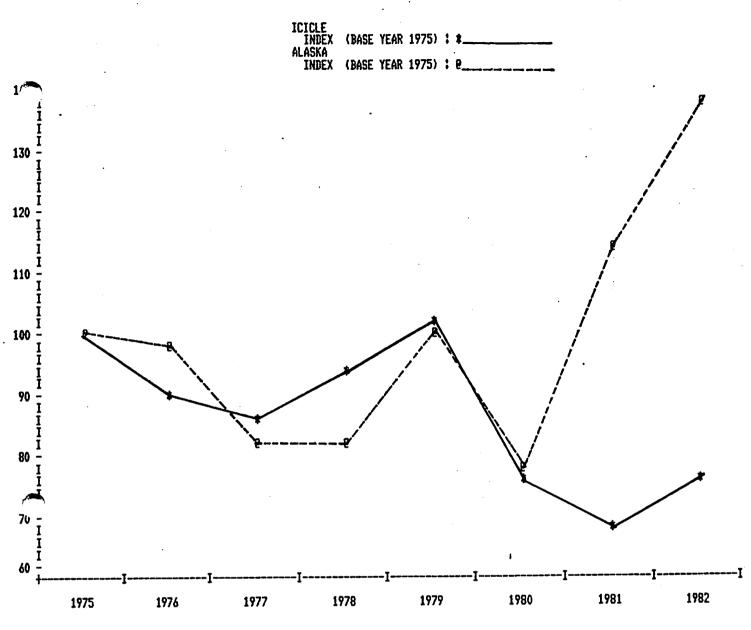


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ICICLE CASES PACKED (48-1# BASIS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	64;235 100 4.64	117,639 183 4,76	271,645 423 10,47	199,460 311 6.83	233,685 364 7,58	288,366 449 6.91	329,053 512 7,43	284,079 442 12,13
ALASKA								

CASES PACKED (48-1# BASIS)	1,383,900	2,469,530	2,594,659	2,921,565	3,081,568	4,175,440	4,429,269	2,342,538
INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	100	178	187	211	223	302	320	169

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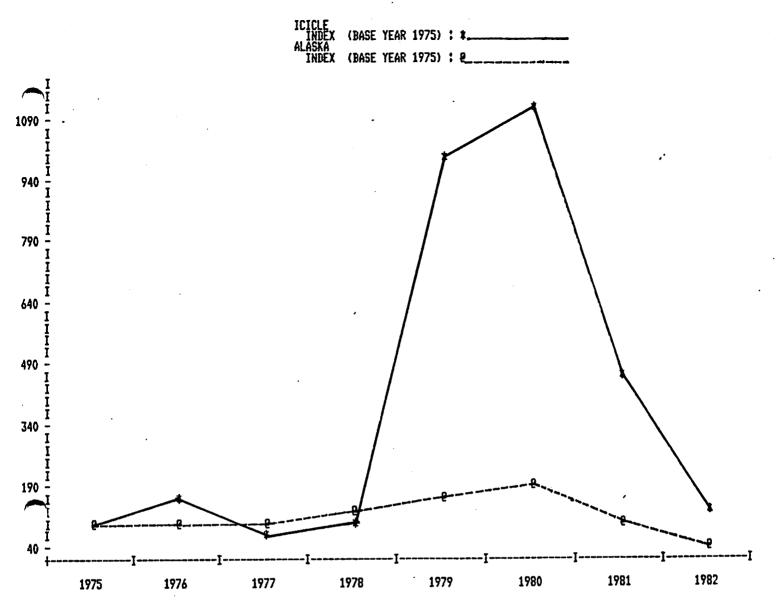




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ICICLE PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	6,456 100 43,11	5,763 89 39,54	5,529 86 45,44	5,999 93 49.08	6,551 101 44.16	4,849 75 42,22	4,295 67 25,36	4,854 75 23,67
ALASKA PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	14,977 100	14,575 97	12,169 81	12,222 82	14,836 99	11,484 77	16,936 113	20,510 137

ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES HALIBUT PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982

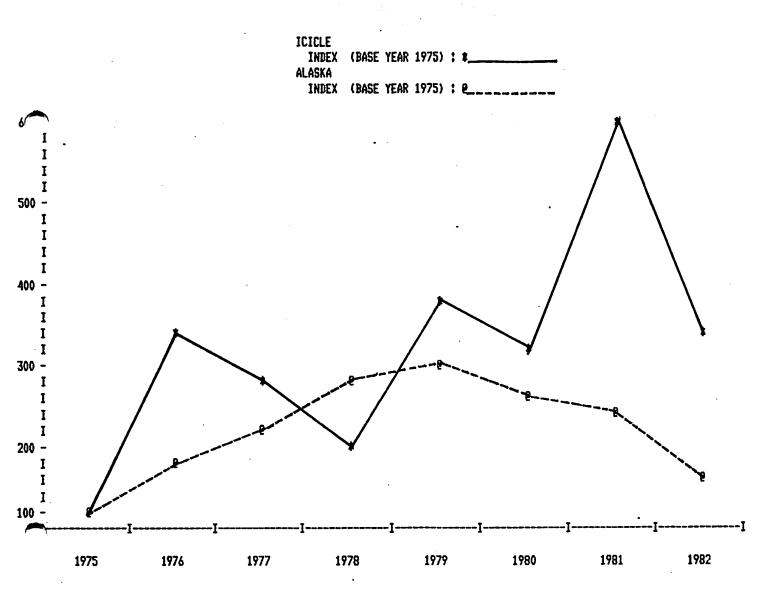
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ICICLE PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	1,104 100 1.13	1,851 168 1.75	922 84 0.93	1,004 91 0,82	11;020 998 7.14	12,390 1,122 6.70	4,985 452 5.66	1,557 141 3.96
ALASKA PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	97 3629 100	105,899 108	99,600 102	122,930 126	154,387 158	185,034 190	88,054 90	39,325 40

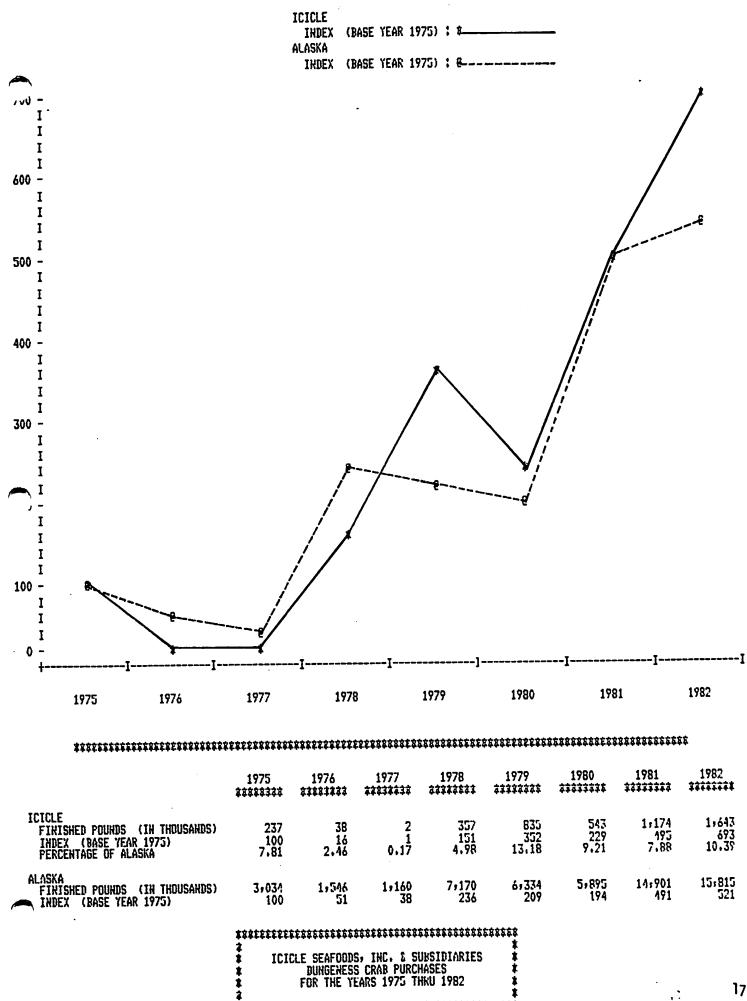
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ICICLE SEAFGODS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES KING CRAB PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982

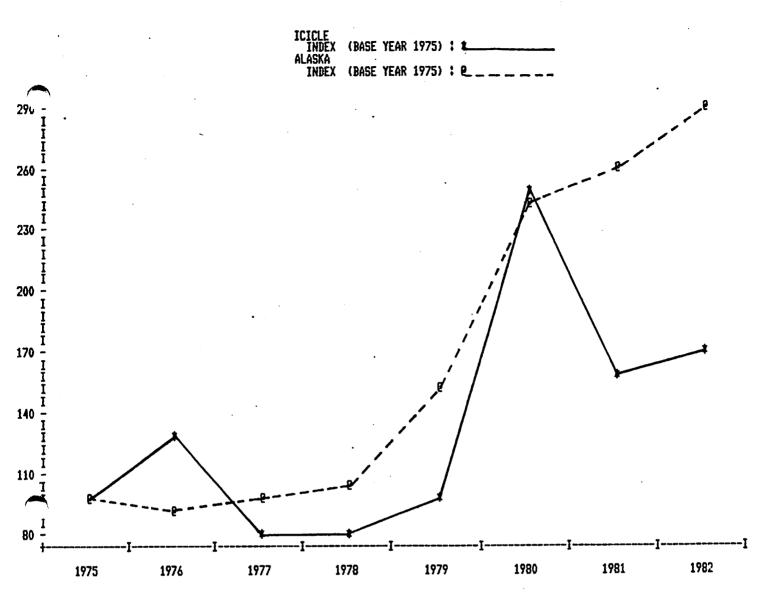


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ICICLE								
PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS)	1,788	5,838	4,672	3,320	6,622	5,448	10,400	5,983
INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	100	327	. 261	186	370	305	582	335
PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	3.82	7.23	4.74	2.54	5.04	4.74	9.68	8.70
Alaska								
PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS)	46,857	80,771	78,464	130,630	131,381	114,921	107,474	68,777
INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	100	172	210	279	280	245	229	147

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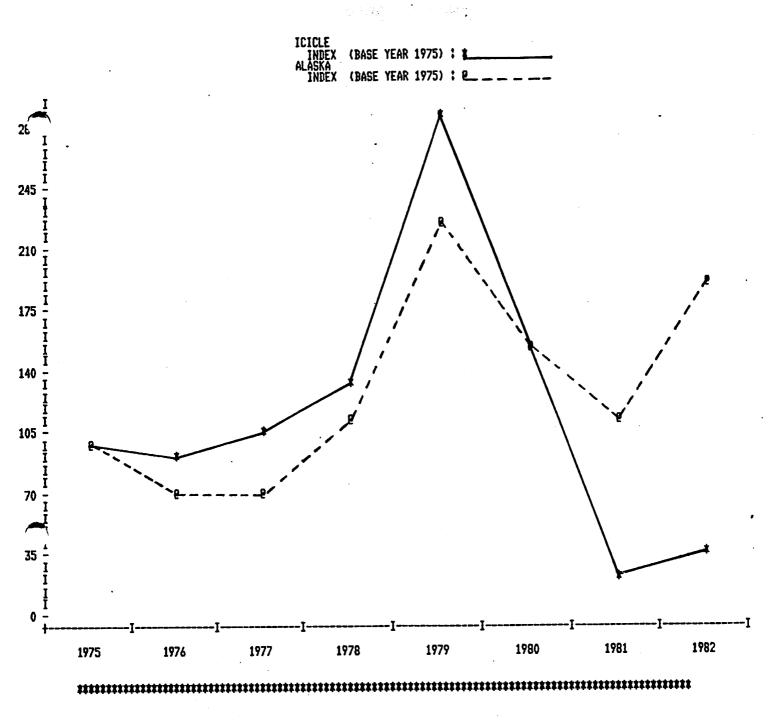


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ICICLE PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	10,251 100 28.82	13,057 127 40,74	8,085 79 22,80	8,206 80 21,58	9,944 97 18,51	25,793 252 30,19	16,487 161 17,61	17,511 171 16.80
ALASKA PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	35,575 100	32;048 90	35,454 100	38,024 107	53,730 151	85 ,43 2 240	93,628 263	104,230 293

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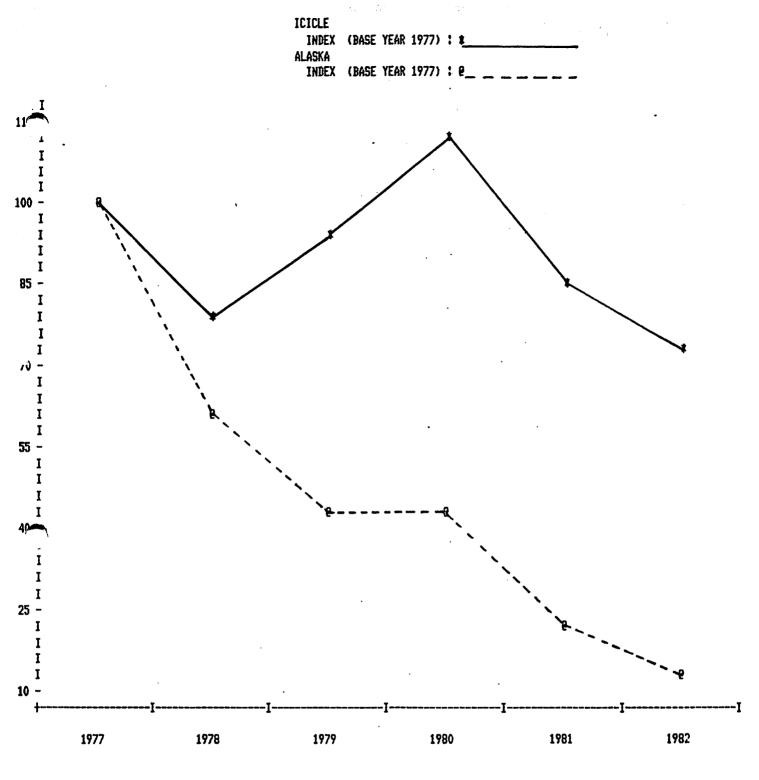
ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES HERRING PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982

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ICICLE PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	885 100 36.86	838 95 47•24	946 107 52.01	1,169 132 42.79	2,577 291 46.97	1,409 159 36,92	189 21 6+86	301 34 6.62
ALASKA PURCHASED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1975)	2,401 100	1,774 74	1,819 76	2,732 114	5#487 229	3,816 159	2,754 115	4, 547 189

ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES SABLE PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982



	1977 ******* *	1978 ****** *	1979 ****** *	1980 ******	1981 ****** *	1982 ****** *
ICICLE FINISHED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1977) PERCENTAGE OF ALASKA	4,672 100 3.99	3,745 80 5,11	4;465 96 8,74	5,269 113 10.22	4,000 86 14.30	3,407 73 20,77
ALASKA FINISHED POUNDS (IN THOUSANDS) INDEX (BASE YEAR 1977)	116,995 100	73,330 63	51,059 44	51 ,574 44	27,972 24	16,401 14

ICICLE SEAFDODS, INC. 1 SUBSIDIARIES SHRIMP PURCHASES FOR THE YEARS 1975 THRU 1982

THE SABLEFISH JOINT VENTURE

PRODUCT MARKETING

The ICICLE marketing program has changed dramatically over the last several years. Originally, ICICLE, as was common in the Industry, was primarily a production company. Bulk products were distributed through independent food brokers to secondary processors or distributors who assumed the function of placing the product in more acceptable form and quantity. There was little or no brand identification. In recent years, ICICLE has developed a strong marketing organization focusing upon a world-wide food service market. This market consists of hotels, restaurants, clubs, hospitals, fast food outlets, and other institutions and is the largest and fastest growing segment of seafood utilization. Quality and brand recognition are extremely important to this market. ICICLE has developed a line of processed west coast seafood products that are in form and quantity most usable for this market.

ICICLE sales over the last few years have been in the following geographic areas:

United States	37%
Japan	40%
Europe	17%
Canada and Others	6%

80% to 85% of ICICLE's sales have been of fresh and frozen product and 15% to 20% consists of canned salmon.

Until recently, substantially all of the canned salmon sales of the Company and its subsidiaries were made through Kelley-Clarke Company, a major food broker which services local and regional food chains and other outlets. Almost all of the canned products sold in this manner bear the broker's proprietary labels. The remaining output was sold directly by the Company to institutional buyers and food chains in the United States, Japan and Western European countries. In recent years, the Company has greatly expanded its direct sales program to institutional buyers and food chains for resale under the buyer's own brand names or brand names of others. In addition, the Company has been a pioneer in developing generic-labeled canned salmon as a means of quickly disposing of its lower grade production.

As with most Northwest seafood products, Black Cod has an international market with the primary consuming nations being Japan and the United States. ICICLE has, however, sold small quantities of Black Cod in Western Europe and the Republic of China in recent years. Below is a table showing the catch by U.S. and Japanese fishermen during the last few years. As can be seen, the success of the Japanese fleet in obtaining product has a direct effect on the quantity that is necessary for the Japanese to import.

UNITED STATES LANDINGS:1	BLACK	COD CATCH & CON	SUMPTION
(In Pounds)	1980	1981	1982
ALASKA WASHINGTON OREGON CALIFORNIA TOTAL U.S.	3,644,000 3,226,000 6,026,000 11,487,000 24,383,000	2,753,000 5,726,000 5,165,000 14,701,000 28,345,000	3,055,000 9,191,000 11,107,000 20,303,000 43,656,000
JAPANESE SUPPLY OF BLACK COD: ³ From:	1980	1981	1982
MOTHER BOATS TRAWLERS LONGLINE DOMESTIC TOTAL IMPORTS	6,600,000 14,300,000 <u>14,300,000</u> 35,200,000 7,700,000	4,400,000 12,100,000 12,100,000 28,600,000 11,000,000	2,200,000 8,800,000 <u>13,200,000</u> 24,200,000 <u>14,300,000</u>
TOTAL	42,900,000	39,600,000	38,500,000

¹ Preliminary for 1981 and 1982

² Apparently included 1,487,000 lbs. caught off Alaska

 3 Japanese data is from unofficial sources, it is assumed to be reliable.

ICICLE is confident that it has the ability to market the quantity of Black Cod being proposed in the Black Cod Joint Venture. This can be verified by noting that from our production graphs, we have produced and marketed as much as 2,500,000 pounds in one year.

FISHERMEN PRICES

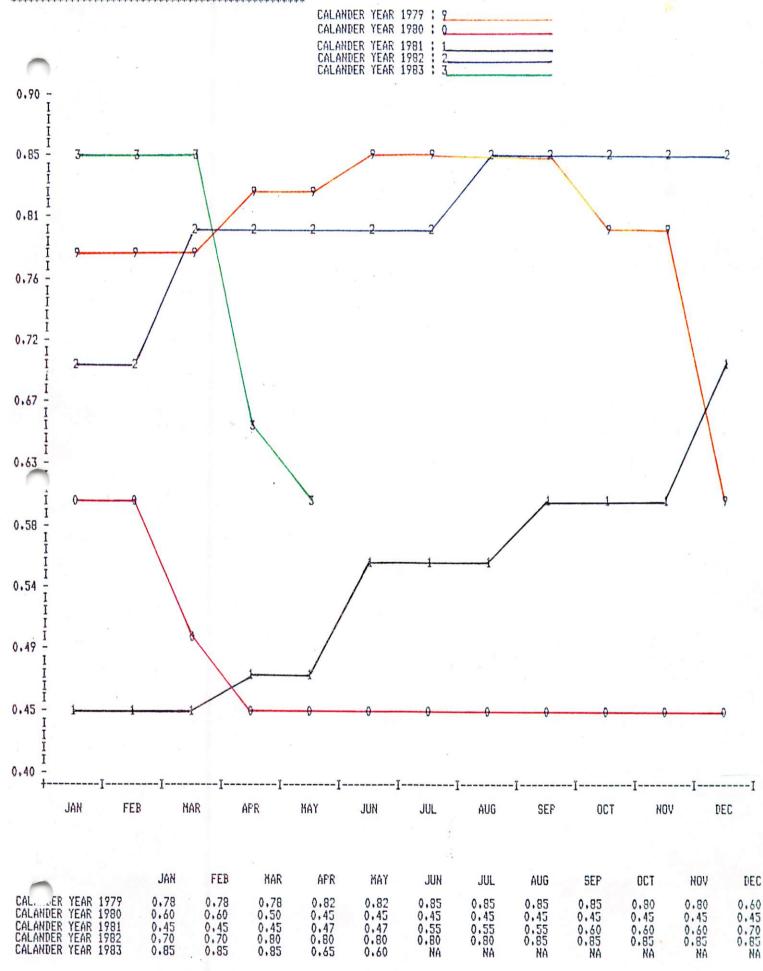
The prices paid to fishermen for their Black Cod production is probably as variable as any specie caught within Alaskan waters. Prices in recent years have fluctuated widely. During 1981, the price paid to fishermen for Western Cut 5/up Black Cod ranged from a low in January of \$.40 per pound to a high in December of \$.70 per pound. This is a variance of 75%! During the current year, prices for this same product have decreased from a high in January of \$.85 per pound to a low of \$.60 per pound. Recently, some producers have refused to buy Western Cut Black Cod and were only accepting deliveries of Eastern or Japanese Cut. This product traditionally has a different pricing structure to the fisherman.

The Western Cut and Eastern Cut prices we are currently paying for #1 Black Cod delivered to our Seward plant are as follows: T

	WESTERN CUT	<u> </u>	EASTERN CUT
5 lbs./up Under/5 lbs.	\$.65 .30	7 lbs./up 5 lbs./7 lbs. 4 lbs./5 lbs. 2 lbs./4 lbs.	\$.75 .70 .60 .35

The pricing structure for Black Cod is influenced by the supply/demand curve, the state of the economy, etc. Of course, any additional production available directly to the Japanese will be that much of the Japanese market not available to the U.S. producer. The availability of a Japanese market does have an influence on prices paid by U.S. producers.

On the next page is a graph which shows the fluctuation in #1 5/up Western Cut Black Cod prices over the last several years.



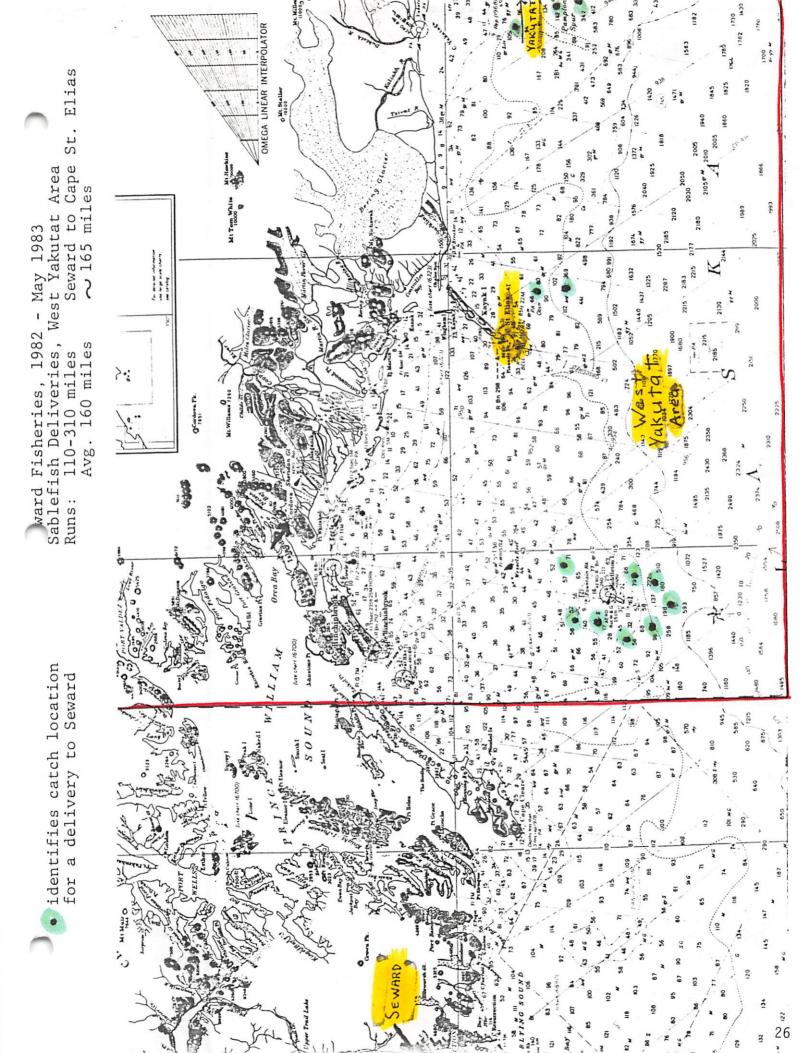
FEASIBILITY

Icicle Seafoods, Inc., already participates in the developing U.S. fishery in this area through our processing plant at Seward, Alaska. From August, 1982 through May, 1983, Seward received 13 deliveries by U.S. longliner vessels of sablefish caught in the West Yakutat area. Two were from Cape Suckling. Eight were from Middleton Island. Two were from Cape Yakataga. One was from Yakutat Bay. The runs of the longliner vessels from the fishing grounds to Seward ranged from 110 to 330 miles with an average of 160 miles. One vessel even ran from the Fairweather Grounds for a distance of 440 miles. The center of the proposed fishing grounds for the foreign joint venture is Cape St. Elias--approximately 165 miles from Seward. Historical catch data and distances are substantiated by the statistical area charts and deliveries chart included on pages 26 and 27.

We have had conversations with several fishermen who have expressed interest in fishing Black Cod out of Seward between the halibut openings. Below is a list of some of those vessels.

BOAT	OWNER/OPERATOR
Tordenskjold	Marvin Gjerde
Republic	Duey Torgeson
Quest	Dean Adams
Grant	Jack Knutsen
Masonic	Calvin Falk
Leviathan	Dave Olsen
Ocean Challenger	Arve Jardstrom
Nancy Kay	Jack Phillips
Portlock	Dexter Kyle
Eclipse	Kelly Brenan ¹

¹These vessels have made recent deliveries to Seward and Homer of fish caught in the West Yakutat area.



SEWARD FISHERIES 1982 - May 1983

Black Cod Deliveries West Yakutat Area 140° - 147° W.

Run to

Date	Catch Location	Deliver (Approx.)
08/02/82	Middleton Is. (202-11)	110 Miles
08/12/82	S. Middleton Is. (202-13)	125 Miles
08/13/82	S. Middleton Is. (202-13)	125 Miles
10/14/82	Cape Yakataga (186-30)	240 Miles
11/26/82	Cape Yakataga (186-30)	240 Miles
01/10/83	Middleton Is. (227-40)	110 Miles
03/07/83	Middleton Is. (227-40)	110 Miles
03/07/83	Middleton Is. (202-11)	110 Miles
03/21/83	Cape Suckling (202-10)	180 Miles
04/07/83	Middleton Is. (202-11)	110 Miles
04/23/83	Cape Suckling (202-10)	180 Miles
04/29/83	Middleton Is. (202-11)	110 Miles
05/12/83	Yakutat Bay (184-30)	*310 Miles

* At the same time this vessel was delivering a catch from the Fairweather Grounds - 440 Miles

Total Catch involved 5 vessels for 61.35 mt.

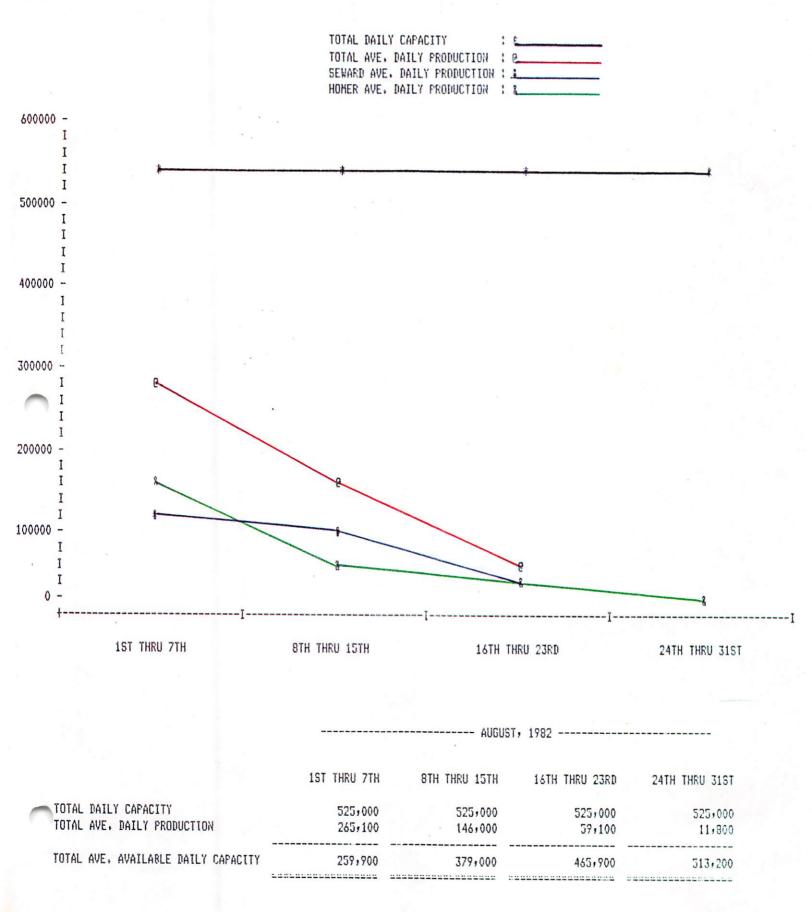
Average Run - 160 Miles

CAPACITY

Both our Seward and Homer facilities will have available capacity during the month of August. We would prefer all deliveries to be made in Seward since we are better prepared to handle a longline fleet at this location. If necessary, we would truck product to Homer for processing. The chart on page 29 indicates the daily capacity which was available at these facilities during August of 1982. We have no reason to believe August of 1983 will be much different than the previous year.

EMPLOYMENT

The chart on page 30 outlines the employment which would be generated by a typical 35,000 pound Black Cod trip delivered to our Seward plant. As you can see, the trip would provide 254 hours of employment which otherwise would not be available. It should not be assumed that this relationship would continue for larger volumes consistently available since the timing and size of the deliveries and the continuity of supply would have an influence on crew efficiency, overtime required, etc. Based upon continuous halibut production, we can say that 800,000 pounds of production would result in approximately 5,000 hours of employment. In addition to the direct payroll generated by this activity, our employees would enjoy extended health care benefits, added ICICLE pension benefits and additional FICA contributions. CAPACITY AVAILABLE FOR BLACK COD VENTURE BASED UPON PRODUCTION FOR AUGUST 1, 1982 THRU AUGUST 31, 1982



HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

BLACK COD MANNING SCHEDULE (35,000 Pound Black Cod Trip)

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JOB/FUNCTION	PEOPLE REQUIRED	HOURS PER PERSON	TOTAL HOURS
Unloaders	4	8	32
Washers	4	10	40
Graders	2	10	20
Rackers	3	10	30
Glazers	2	10	20
Packers	5	10	50
Utility	3	10	30
Clean Up	4	8	32
TOTAL HOURS			254