

NMFS, ALASKA REGION
MANAGEMENT REPORT
MARCH 18, 1987

1. GOA FMP amendment 15 final rule was filed with the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 9, 1987 and will be effective after the 30-day cooling off period expires on April 8, 1987.
2. Related to GOA 15 is the need to extend the emergency rule currently in place which implemented the Single OY - Target Quota framework procedures, the crab closures around Kodiak and the improved reporting requirements for catcher-processors until the Final Rule takes effect. NOAA is seeking the Council's concurrence with this extension.
3. A notice of availability of a Secretarial amendment repealing the FMP for the Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery Off the Coast of Alaska and its implementing regulations with a request for comments was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 2, 1987. Comments will be accepted until April 22, 1987.
4. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Areas FMP amendment 11 Final Rule is currently being reviewed by OMB and is expected to be filed with the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 16, 1987. All of BSA 11 except for the field order authority will take effect upon filing because the 30-day cooling off period has been waived for those parts.
5. The region has submitted a regulatory amendment for both the BSA and GOA bringing the federal sponsorship of the State fish ticket system for catch data collection into greater conformity in the regulations implementing the two FMPs and closing some loopholes by making it clear that landings of fish from the EEZ, even if landed to a floating processor in the territorial sea or internal waters of the State, are considered landings in the State of Alaska and a fish ticket is required.
6. NMFS is announcing this week, closure of the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska to directed fishing with trawl gear effective at noon, Saturday March 21, 1987 in order to reserve the remaining uncaught portion of the trawl quota for bycatch and thus prevent the total prohibition of retention of sablefish and the accompanying waste from treating them in the same manner as prohibited species. The trawl quota is 600 mt in the Western Area and the catch is currently about 200 mt. We are monitoring fishing in the Central Regulatory Area and expect to take a similar action well before the trawl quota is reached.

7. On Friday, March 13, 1987 NMFS announced that all sablefish longline fishermen who intended to participate in the sablefish longline fisheries beginning April 1, 1987 in the Gulf of Alaska must register for the area they intend to fish prior to fishing. This includes the requirement to register for new areas if fishermen move from an area that is being closed to one that remains open. The Region installed two toll-free WATTS lines, one from inside Alaska and one from out-of-state for easy access by fishermen. Fishermen may also register at the NMFS enforcement offices in Sitka and Kodiak, but we prefer they register via the toll-free lines. We found area registration to be necessary to accurately estimate fishing effort in order to project when sablefish seasons should close, and to prevent the large-scale quota overruns which we have experienced in the past as a result of not having a good estimate of the number of vessels fishing in each management area.

8. The Alaska Region has obtained the \$350,000 sought to replace the funding lost by ADF&G for administering the State fish ticket program for groundfish. We have negotiated a contract with ADF&G for \$300,000 to begin collecting fish tickets in the various ports where groundfish are landed and enter them into a data bases system located at the Alaska Regional Office of NMFS in Juneau. As part of the contract, ADF&G will hire a data base administrator who will be located at the NMFS Regional Office and who will manage the system on a day to day basis. The contract is currently under review by our administrative offices and we expect it to take effect next month. In addition, the Alaska Region hired one new employee last week and expects to hire an additional staff member next week, both who will work with catch and effort data.

9. Attached Table.

summary of DAP, JVP, and TALFF catches to date for all species and areas

10. Attached Figures.

Gulf of Alaska Initial Groundfish Apportionments
Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Initial Groundfish
Apportionments
Joint Venture and Foreign Fishing Catches

13-Mar-87

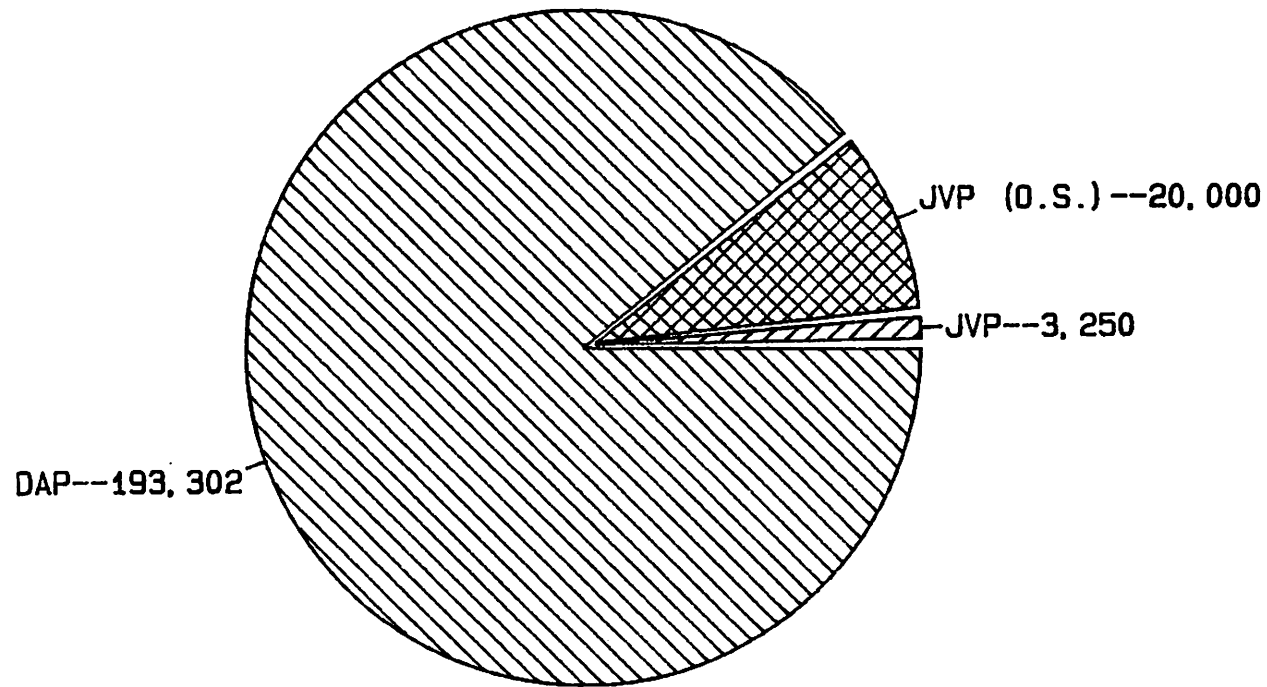
1987 ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH * PRELIMINARY
(ROUND WEIGHT IN METRIC TONS)

SPECIES	TYPE	EASTERN GULF	CENTRAL GULF	WESTERN GULF	TOTAL GULF	BERING SEA	ALEUTIAN ISLANDS	TOTAL BSA	1987 * TO-DATE ALASKA	1986 * ANNUAL ALASKA	1987 * CATCH % OF 1986
POLLOCK	DAP	110	3837	350	4297	24209	126	24335	28632	58228	49.2%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	356979	2008	358987	358987	900348	39.9%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	294		294	294	352682	0.1%
SABLEFISH	DAP	22	309	194	525	549	36	585	1110	26457	4.2%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	2		2	2	109	1.8%
PACIFIC COD	DAP	13	3156	3	3172	9034	2125	11159	14331	42289	33.9%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	16208	0	16208	16208	65442	24.8%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	14438		14438	14438	55007	26.2%
GREENLAND TURBOT	DAP	0	0	0	0	105	0	105	105	2955	3.6%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	62		62	62	6942	0.9%
ARROWTOOTH FLOWNDERS	DAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0.0%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	104	0	104	104	3416	--
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	30	0	30	30	3494	--
YELLOWFIN SOLE	DAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	691	0	691	691	151402	0.5%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	0	0	0	57197	0.0%
ROCK SOLE	DAP	32	51	1	84	7712	412	8124	8208	4641	176.9%
	JVP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	N/A	N/A
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	N/A	N/A
OTHER FLOWNDERS	DAP	0	64	0	64	594	0	594	658	884	74.4%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	985	0	985	985	63046	1.6%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	21	0	21	21	10497	0.2%
P.O.P.	DAP	48	68	36	152	19	0	19	171	3714	4.6%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	302	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	0	0	0	18	0.0%
ROCKFISH	DAP	9	151	32	192	15	1	16	208	3114	6.7%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	307	0.3%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	0	0	0	22	0.0%
THORNYHEADS	DAP	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	820	0.0%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	.	.	.	0	1	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	.	.	.	0	0	
ATKA MACKEREL	DAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	***
	JVP	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31989	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
OTHER	DAP	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1607	0.1%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	346	0	346	346	7859	4.4%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	446	0	446	446	5045	8.8%
TOTAL	DAP	234	7636	616	8486	42242	2700	44942	53425	143966	37.1%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	375314	2008	377322	377322	1224623	30.8%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	15293	0	15293	15293	491015	3.1%

SOURCES: 1987 DAP: NMFS WEEKLY CATCHER/PROCESSOR DATA PLUS LANDINGS SURVEY TOTALS
 1987 JVP, TALFF: NMFS WEEKLY BLEND REPORTS THROUGH 2/28
 1986 DAP: PACFIN REPORT #202, DATED 2/13/87; does not incl. shoreside landings Nov. & Dec.
 1986 JVP, TALFF: PACFIN REPORT #202, DATED 2/13/87

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GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH, 1987 JANUARY APPORTIONMENTS

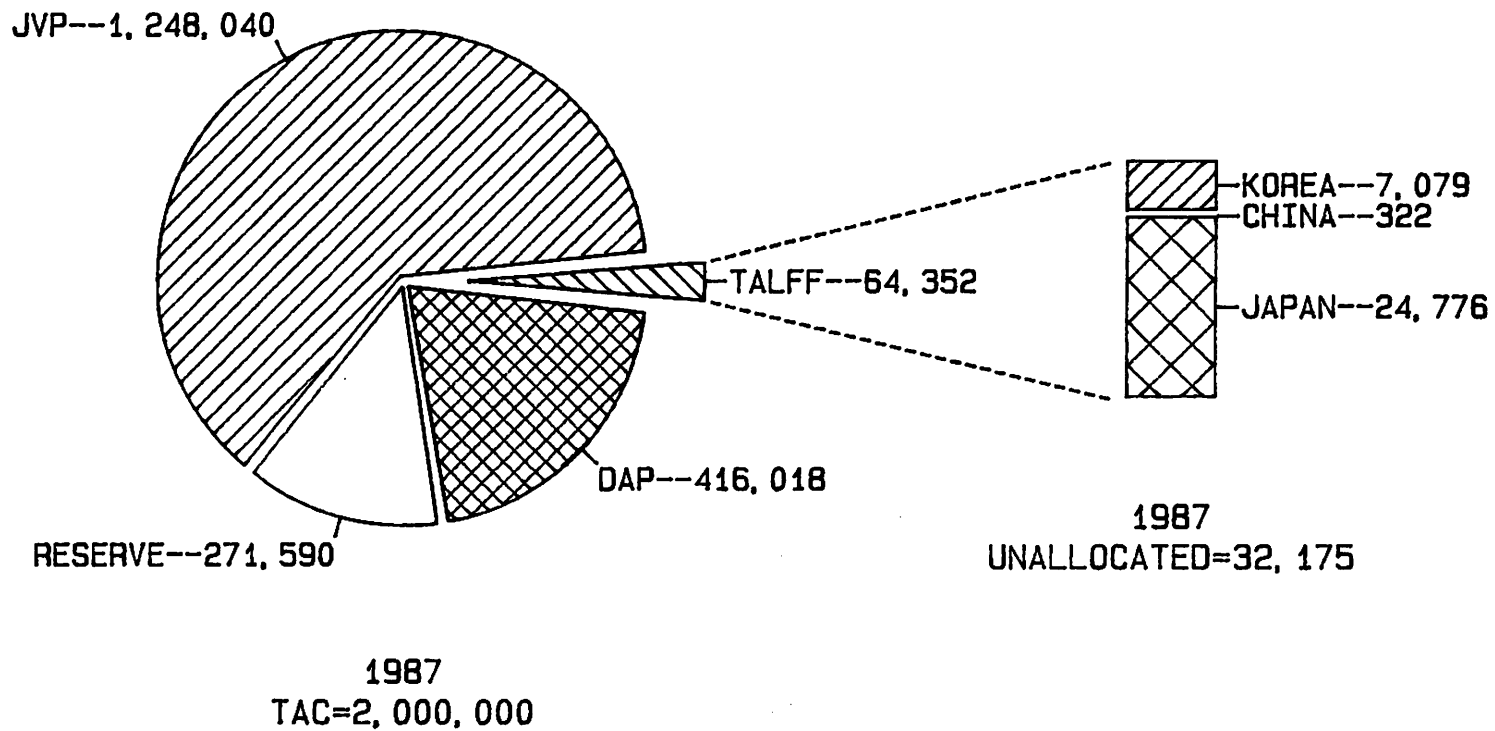


1987
TQ=216,552

O.S.=Outer Shelikof,
effective 1-15 to 4-10

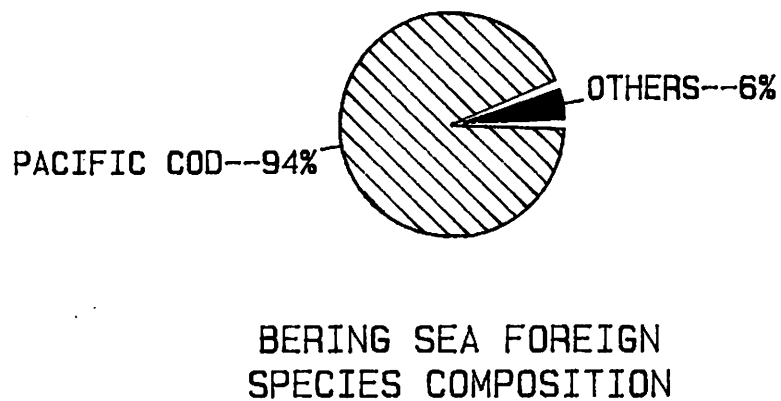
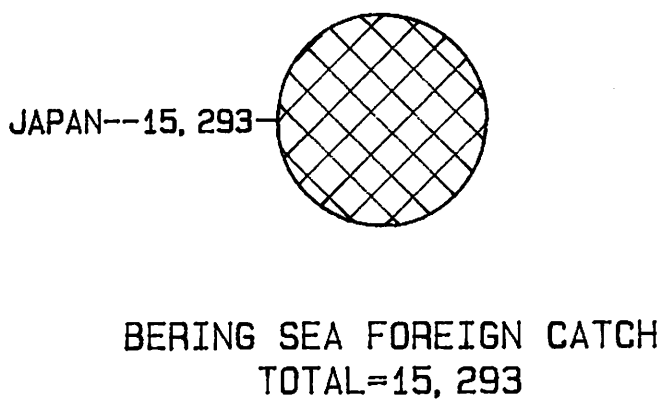
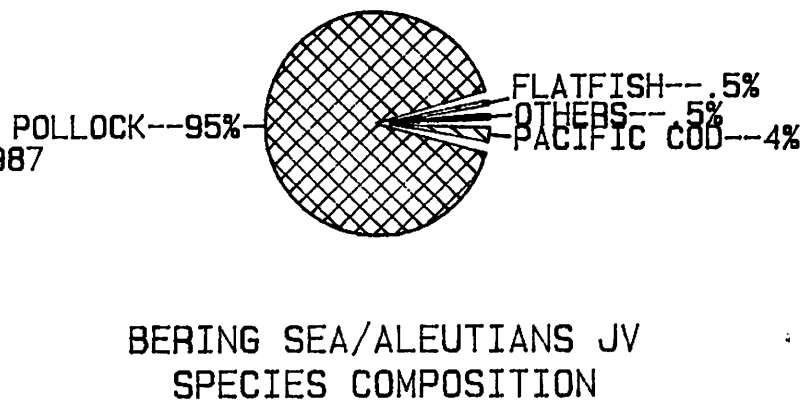
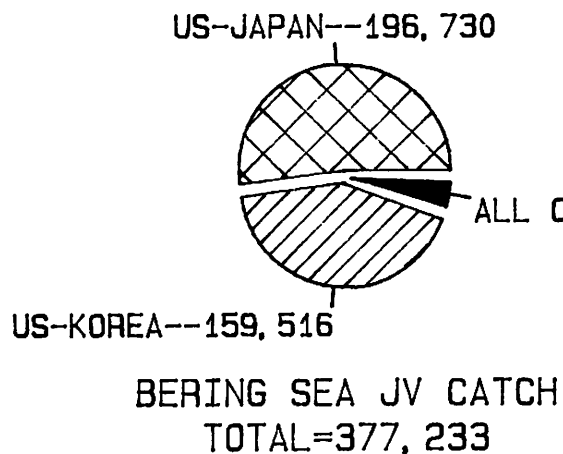
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BERING SEA/ALEUTIANS GROUND FISH, 1987
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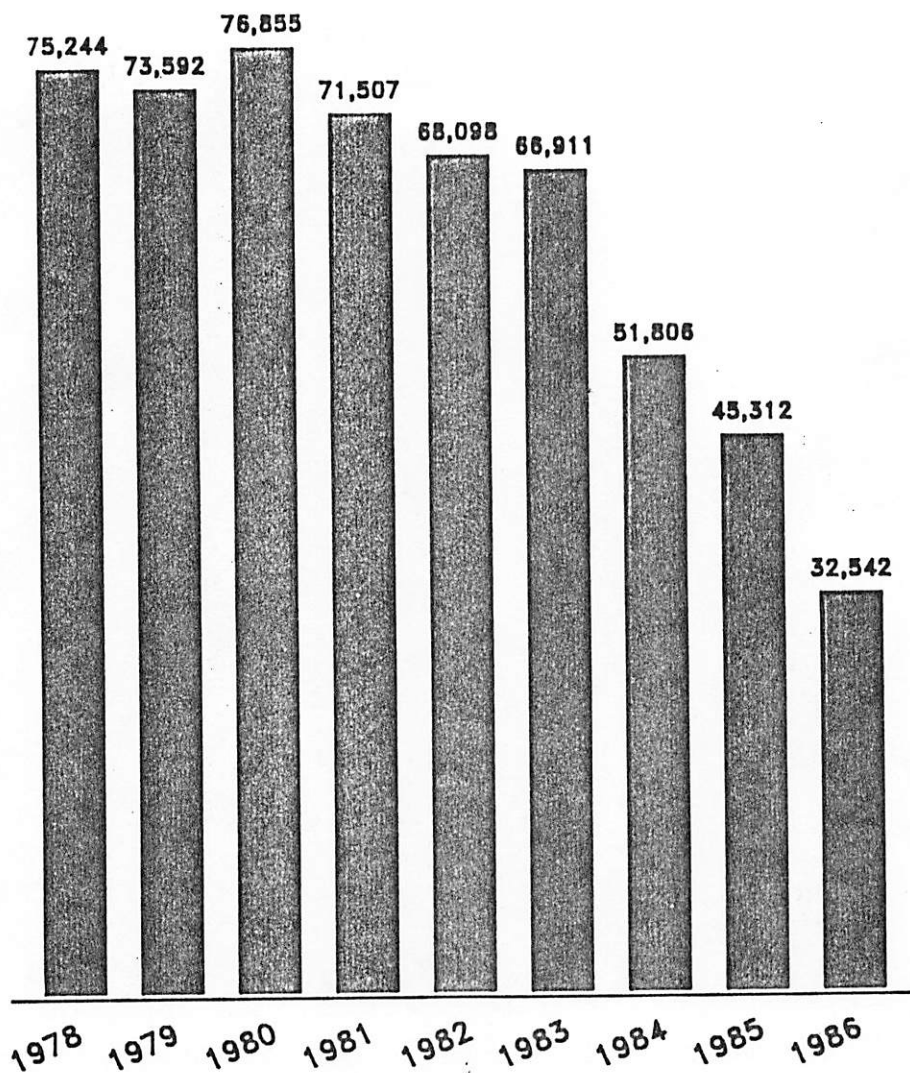


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1987 JOINT VENTURE AND FOREIGN FISHING THROUGH WEEK 9 OF FISHING YEAR

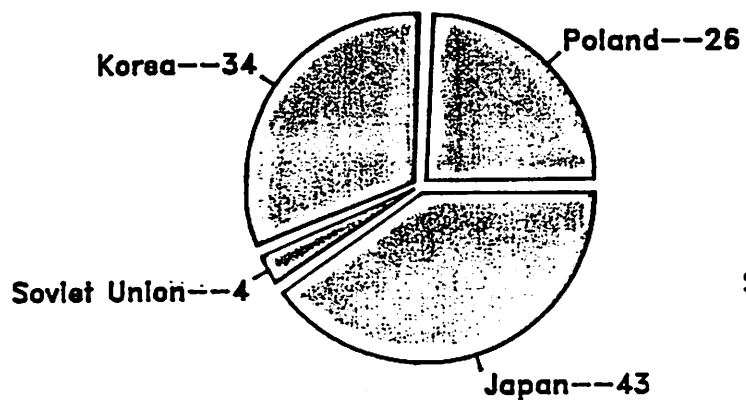


TOTAL FOREIGN EFFORT OFF ALASKA 1978 to 1986

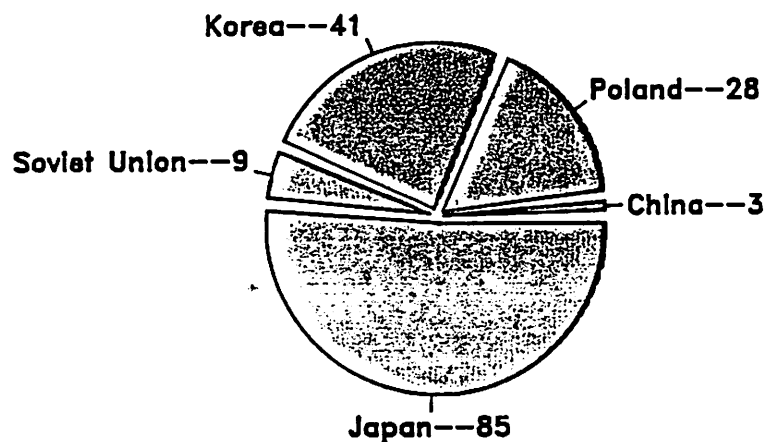


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NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA January and February 1987



JANUARY 1987
Total = 107

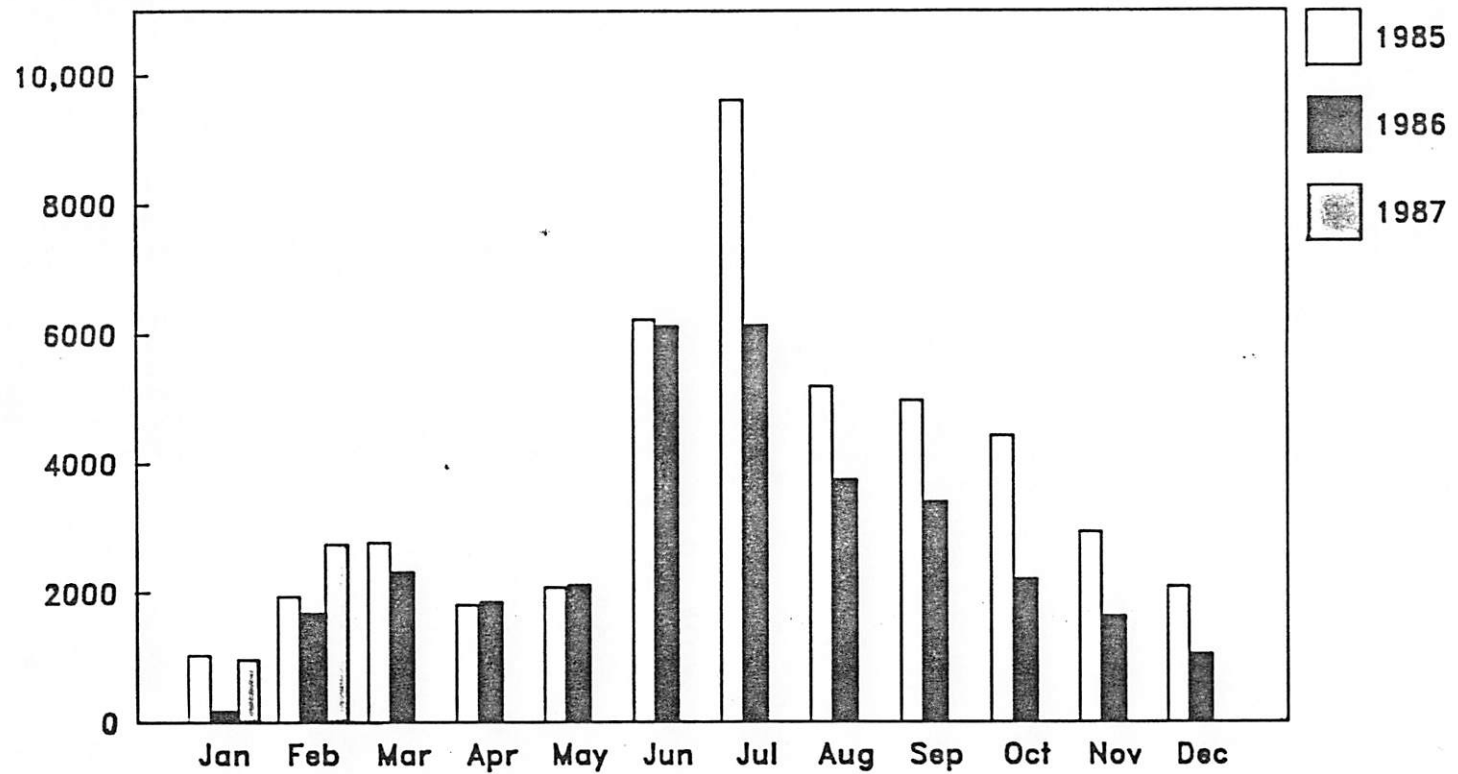


FEBRUARY 1987
Total = 166

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NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSEL DAYS OFF ALASKA 1985 to 1987

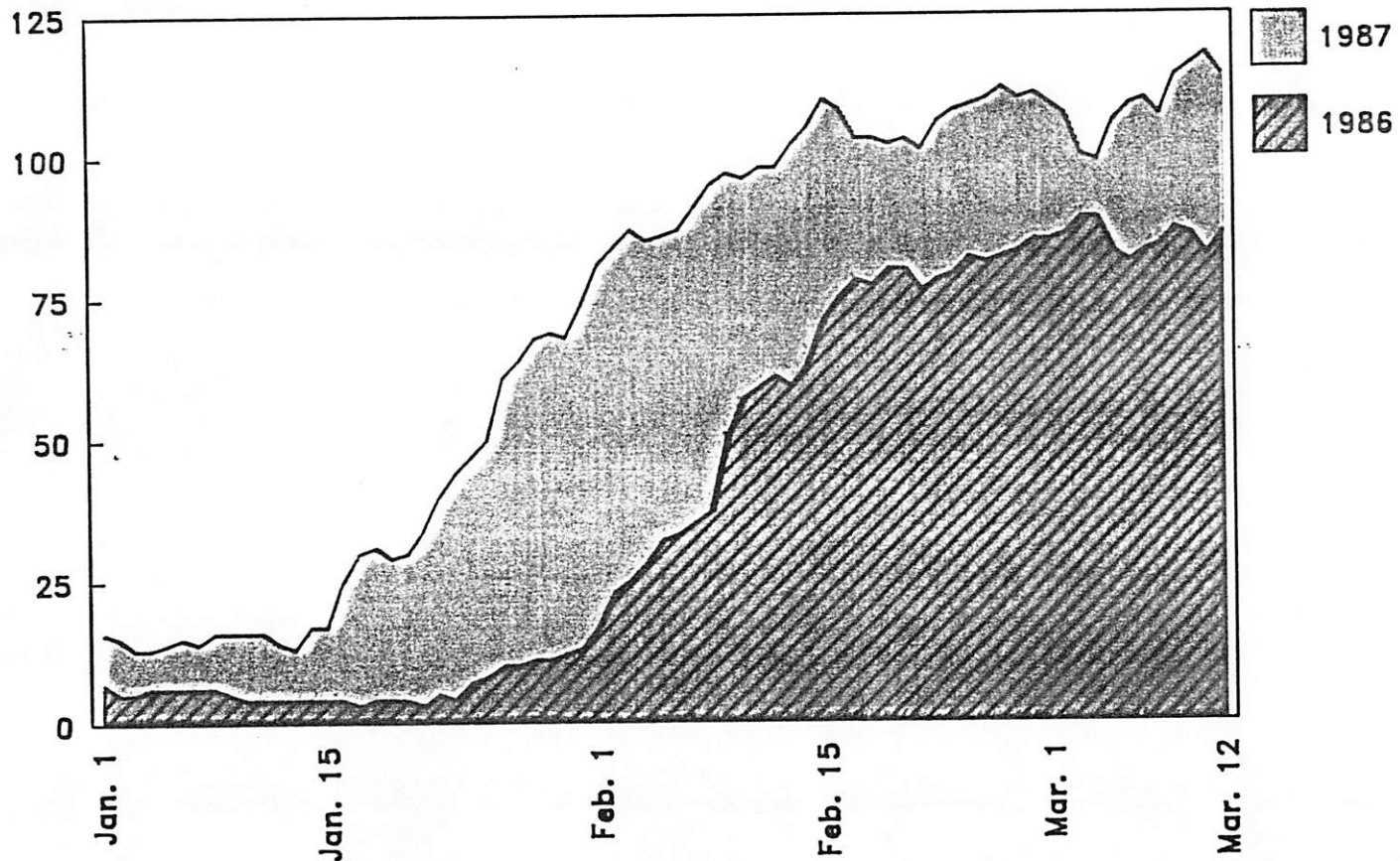
Number of Days



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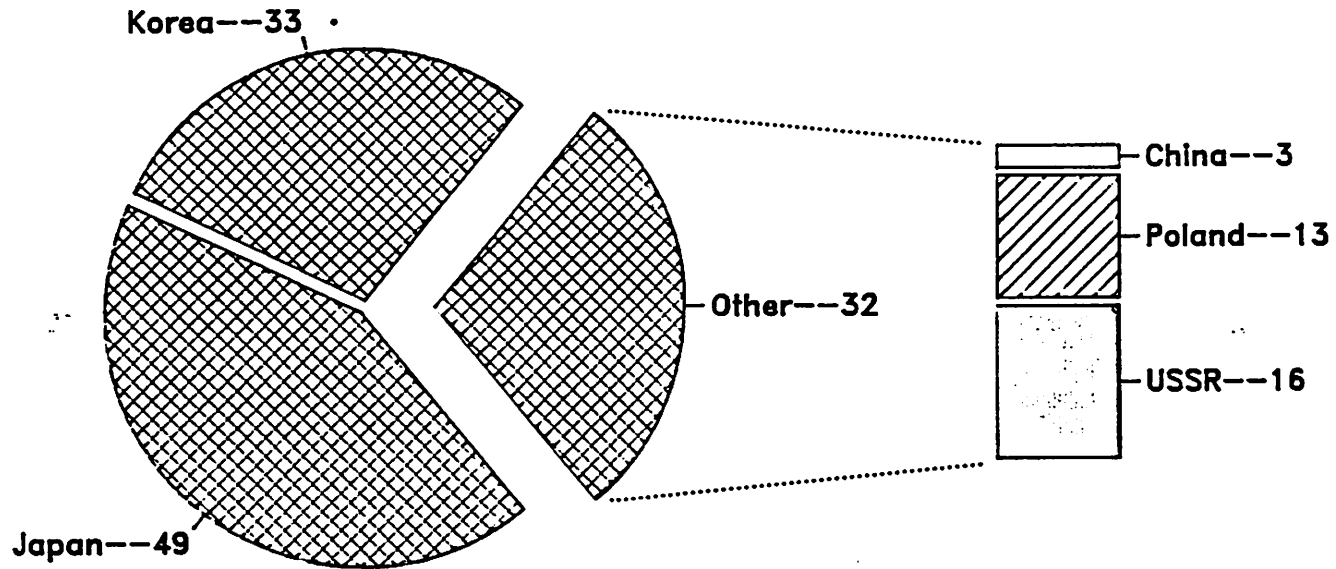
DAILY NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA 1986 and 1987

Number of Vessels



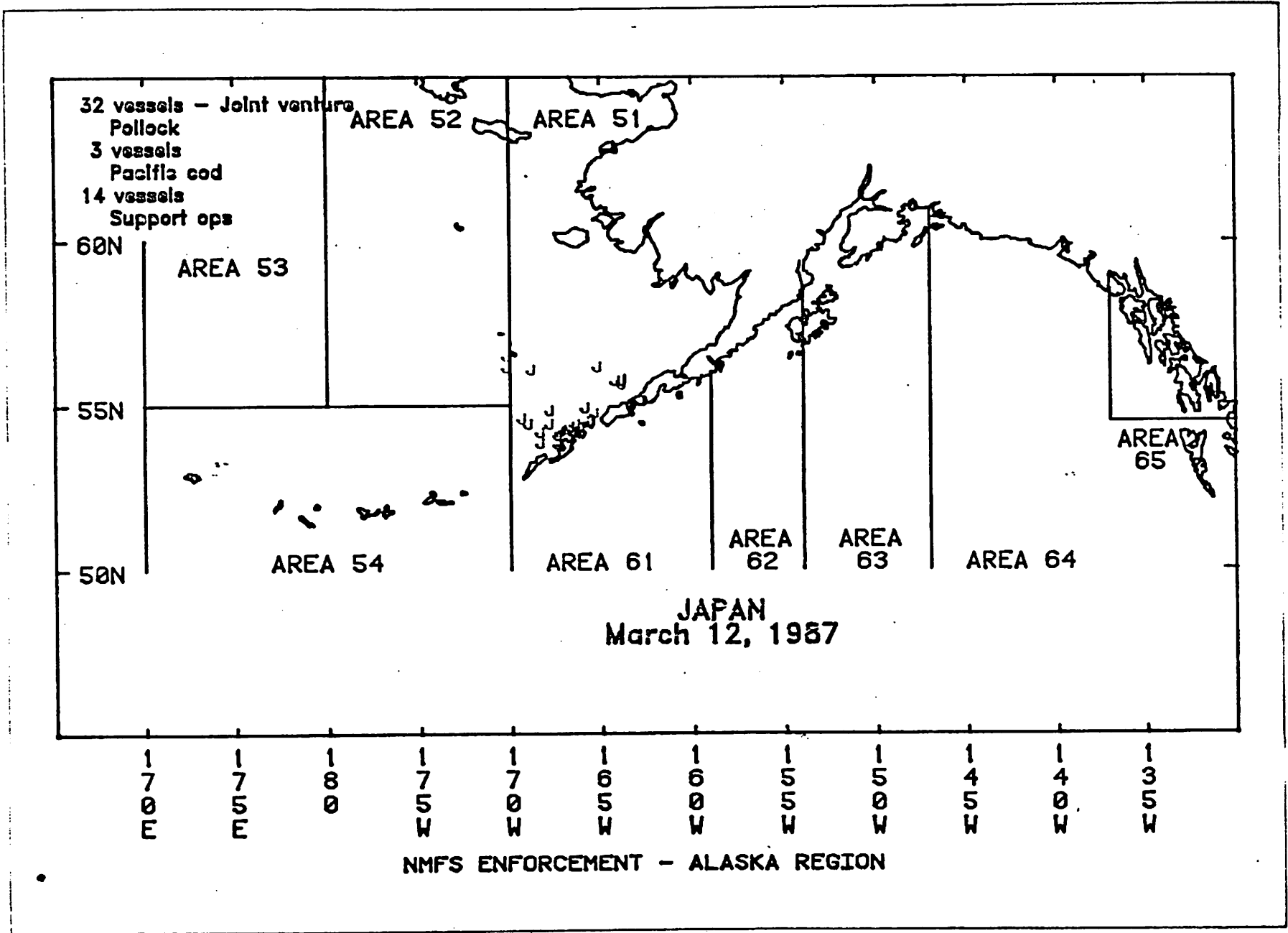
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NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA March 12, 1987



TOTAL = 114

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