

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
ALASKA REGION
MANAGEMENT REPORT
MAY 21, 1987

1. Final rules implementing Amendment 15 to the Gulf of Alaska groundfish FMP became effective April 8, 1987 when the 30-day APA cooling off period expired.
2. Final rules implementing Amendment 10 to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands groundfish FMP were effective April 16, 1987.
3. Final rules implementing the single species management regulatory amendment in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Areas was effective April 13, 1987.
4. The Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska was closed to directed fishing with trawl gear on April 11, 1987 reserving the remainder of the quota for bycatch. That was taken quickly and the Central Area was closed to all retention of sablefish with trawl gear on May 5, 1987.
5. The sablefish longline fishery in the Southeast/East Yakutat area of the Gulf of Alaska opened on April 1, 1987 and closed after only 8.5 days of fishing on April 9, 1987 when NMFS projected that the 3,880 mt quota was taken. The peak number of vessels registered to participate in the fishery was 353, over 100 more vessels than landed in 1986.
6. The sablefish longline fishery in the West Yakutat area of the Gulf of Alaska opened on April 1, 1987 and closed on April 15, 1987 when NMFS projected that the 3,900 mt quota was taken. The season opened with 108 longline vessels registered to fish in the area which increased to a peak of 216 vessels before the season was closed.
7. The sablefish longline fishery opened in the Central and Western Areas of the Gulf of Alaska on April 1, 1987 with 111 and 35 vessels initially registered to fish in each respective area. As the Eastern areas closed to sablefish, registrations increased to a total of 378 in the Central and 86 in the Western areas. Sablefish catches were good in the Central area for about 3 weeks before beginning to drop off. Despite the high number of vessels registered in the Central Area congestion on the fishing grounds and poor catch rates have resulted in a reduction in the number of vessels fishing to less than one hundred. The catch to date is approximately 4,600 mt in the Central area and 600 mt in the Western Area.

8. NMFS published a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 12, 1987 reapportioning 100,000 mt of reserves in the Bering Sea to the pollock JVP making a total pollock JVP of 930,013 mt. At current catch rates this amount is likely to be taken by the end of this week necessitating a decision relative to the release of the remaining 75,000 mt in reserve. A small portion of the reserve (10,000-15,000 mt) will be necessary for bycatch in the yellowfin sole joint ventures.

9. NMFS closed Zone 1 of the Eastern Bering Sea to DAH fishing for yellowfin sole effective April 27, 1987 due to the bycatch of C. bairdi Tanner crab exceeding the 80,000 crab bycatch limit. The limit was actually exceeded on April 11, 1987 at which time all vessels voluntarily left the area.

10. NMFS has met with the Alaska Factory Trawlers Association to arrange for a data collection program for the June-August Port Moller Pacific cod fishery. Subsequently, we have sent a letter to all catcher\processor and mothership operators seeking to find out how many vessels will participate in the fishery this year.

14-May-87

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

SPECIES	TYPE	EASTERN GULF	CENTRAL GULF	WESTERN GULF	TOTAL GULF	BERING SEA	ALUTAIAN ISLANDS	TOTAL BSA	1987 * TO-DATE ALASKA	1986 * ANNUAL ALASKA	1987 * CATCH % OF 1986
POLLOCK	DAP	110	5824	350	6334	44943	106	45124	51408	77243 +	66.6%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	831030	2198	832231	832231	900348	92.5%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	349	.	349	349	352682	0.1%
SABLEFISH	DAP	7064 *	5075	1062	14001	1117	447	1564	15565	26457	58.8%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476	0.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	2	.	2	2	109	1.8%
PACIFIC COD	DAP	25	7544	653	8222	18845	2135	20980	29202	53179 +	54.9%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	34564	0	34564	34564	65442	52.8%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	18984	.	18984	18984	55007	34.5%
GREENLAND TURBOT	DAP	0	4	0	4	249	62	311	314.5	2955	10.6%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	21	0	21	21	36	58.3%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	1	.	1	1	6942	.0%
ARROWTOOTH FLOWNERS	DAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0.0%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	584	0	584	584	3416	--
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	47	.	47	47	3494	--
YELLOWFIN SOLE	DAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	64525	0	64525	64525	151402	42.6%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	19	.	19	19	57197	.0%
ROCK SOLE	DAP	0	110	7	117	10538	414	10952	11069	4641	238.5%
	JVP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	N/A	N/A
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	N/A	N/A
OTHER FLOWNERS	DAP	0	201	2	203	529	0	529	732	884	82.8%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	18117	0	18117	18117	63046	28.7%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	31	.	31	31	10497	0.3%
P.O.P.	DAP	61	128	28	217	22	0	22	239	3714	6.4%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	35	0	35	35	302	11.6%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	.	0	0	18	0.0%
ROCKFISH	DAP	359	392	215	966	22	1	23	989	3114	31.8%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	307	1.0%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	.	0	0	22	0.0%
THORNYHEADS	DAP	58	883	60	1001	6	0	6	1001	820	122.1%
	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	3	26	29	29	31969	0.1%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	0	.	0	0	2	0.0%
OTHER	DAP	0	2	0	2	4	0	4	6	1607	0.4%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	2152	0	2152	2152	7859	27.4%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	674	.	674	674	5045	13.4%
TOTAL	DAP	8477	20163	2377	31017	76390	3185	79515	110526	174691	63.3%
	JVP	.	0	0	0	951016	2224	953240	953261	1224623	77.8%
	FOREIGN	.	.	.	0	20107	.	20106	20107	491015	4.1%

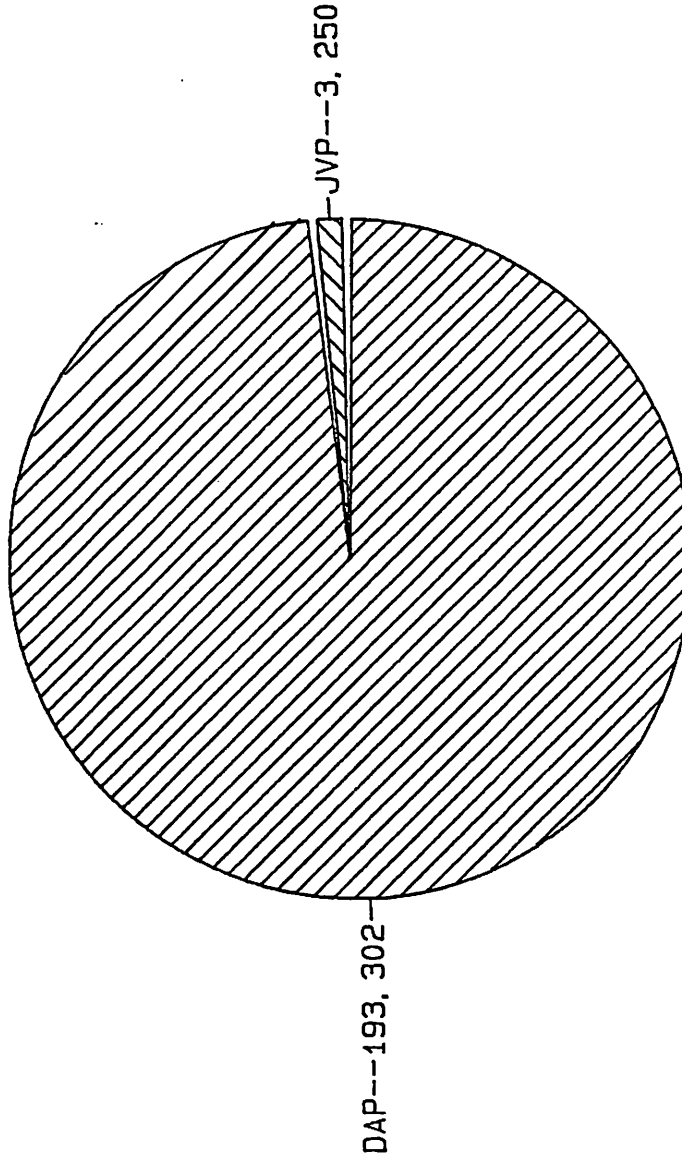
* Estimate includes total of longline quotas

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 4th Quarter.

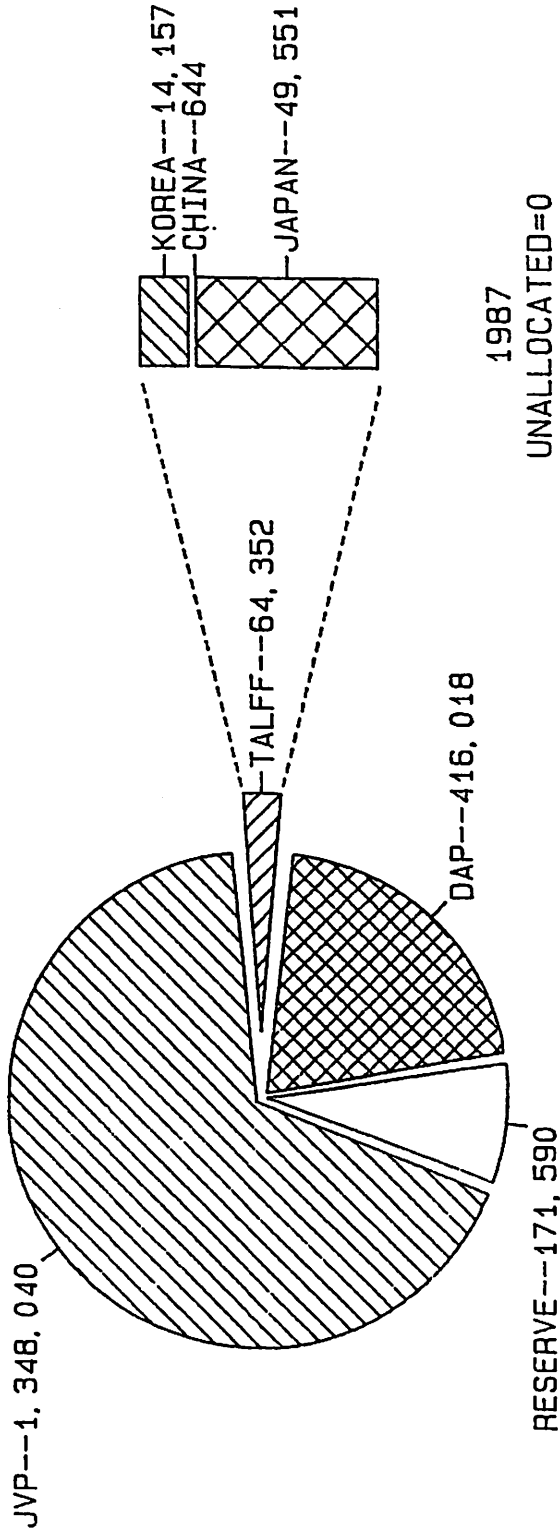
Agenda Item B-3
 NMFS, Juneau AK
 May, 1987

GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH, 1987
CURRENT APPORTIONMENTS



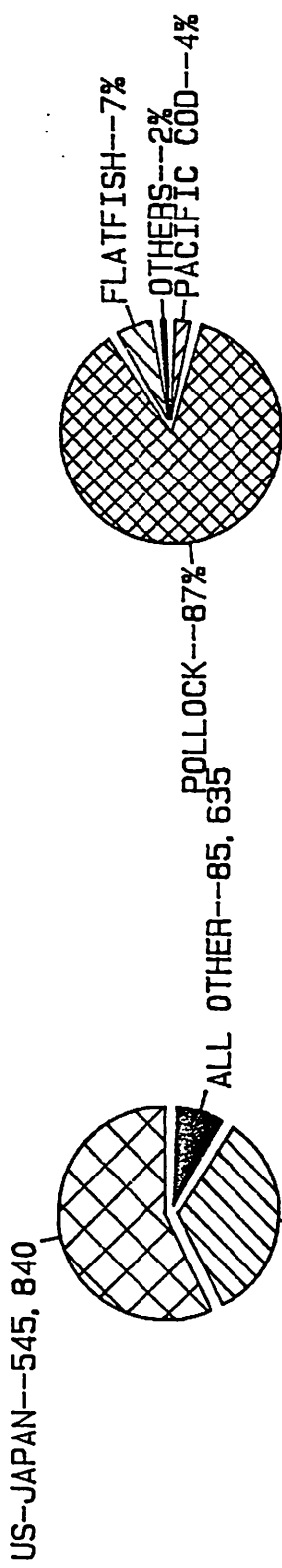
1987
TQ=196, 552

BERING SEA/ALEUTIANS GROUNDFINCH, 1987
MAY APPORTIONMENTS
MAY ALLOCATIONS



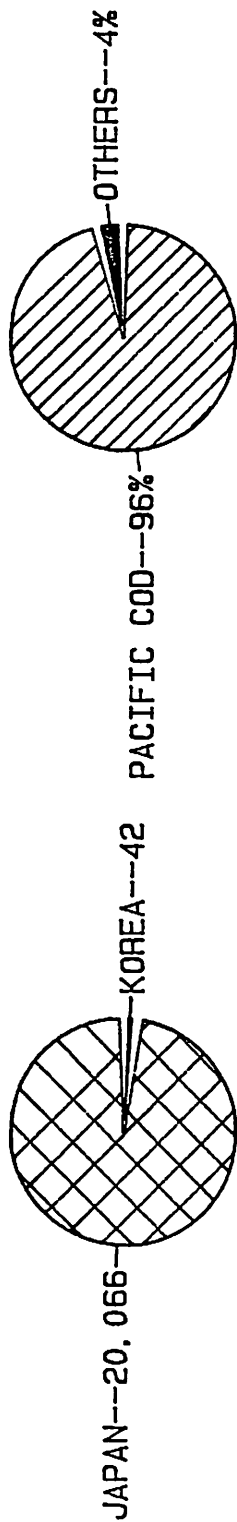
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1987 JOINT VENTURE AND FOREIGN FISHING THROUGH WEEK 18 OF FISHING YEAR



BERING SEA/ALEUTIANS JV CATCH TOTAL=953, 240

BERING SEA/ALEUTIANS JV SPECIES COMPOSITION

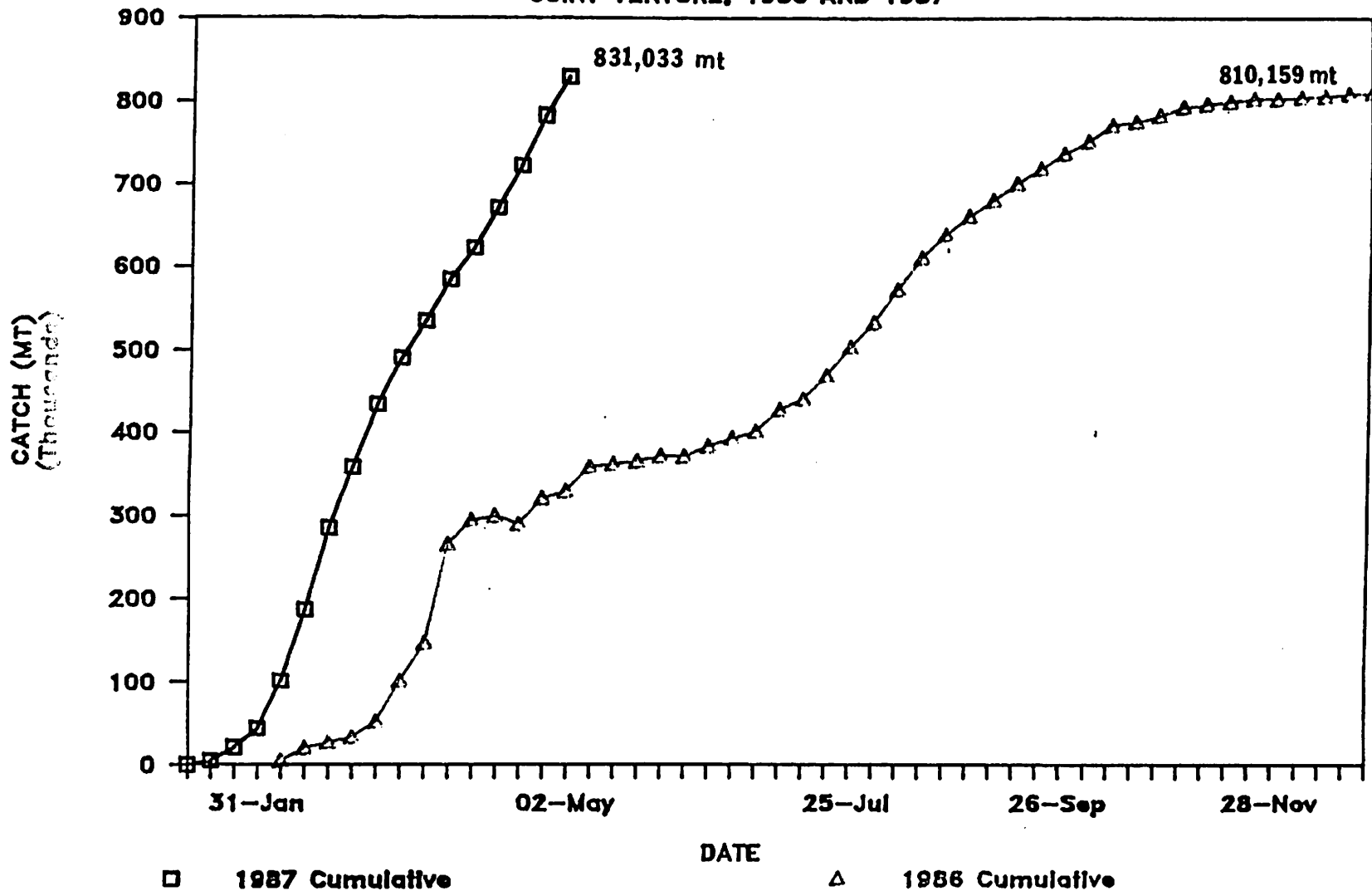


BERING SEA FOREIGN CATCH TOTAL=20, 108

BERING SEA FOREIGN SPECIES COMPOSITION

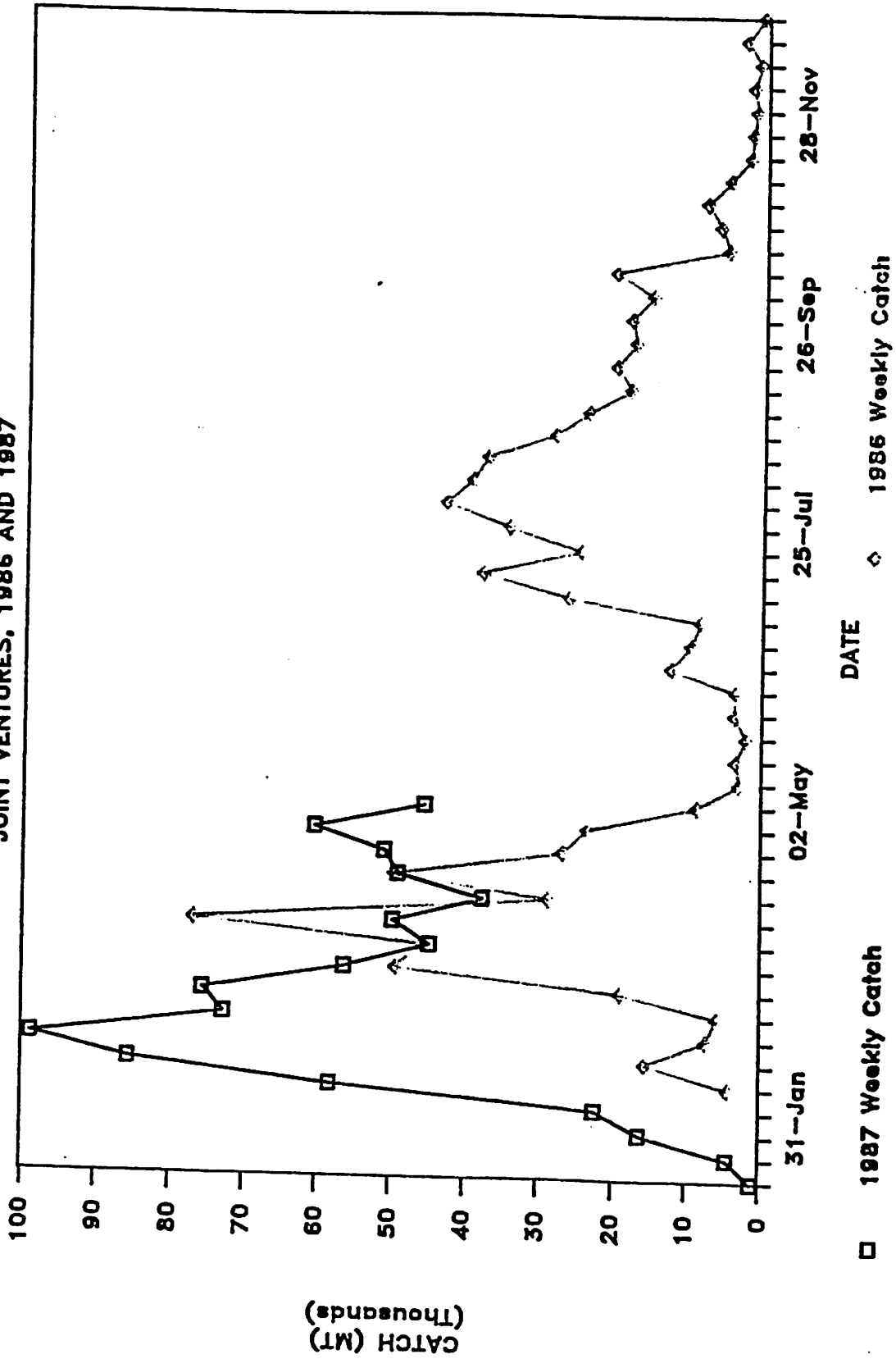
CUMULATIVE CATCH POLLOCK, BERING SEA

JOINT VENTURE, 1986 AND 1987



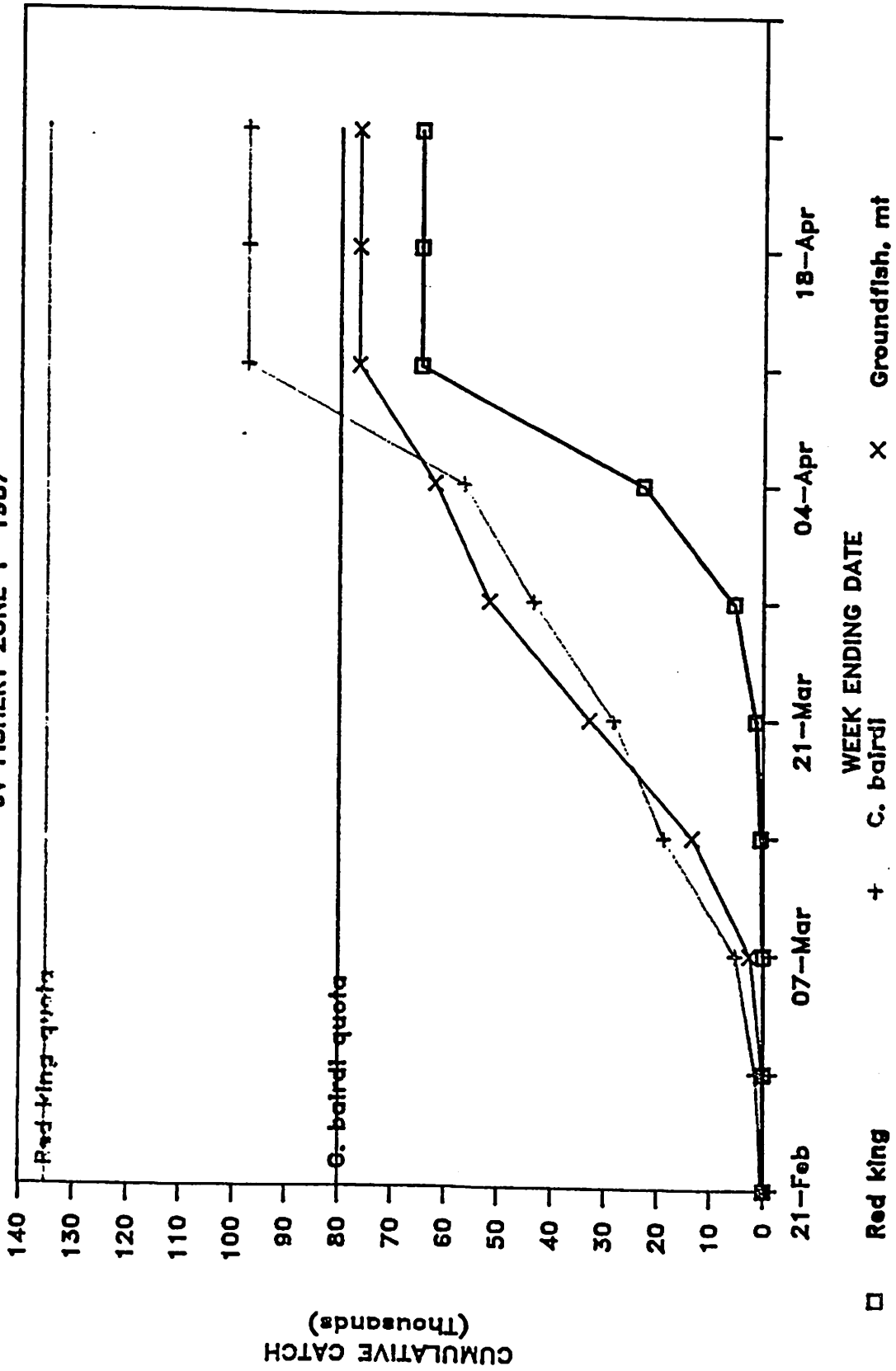
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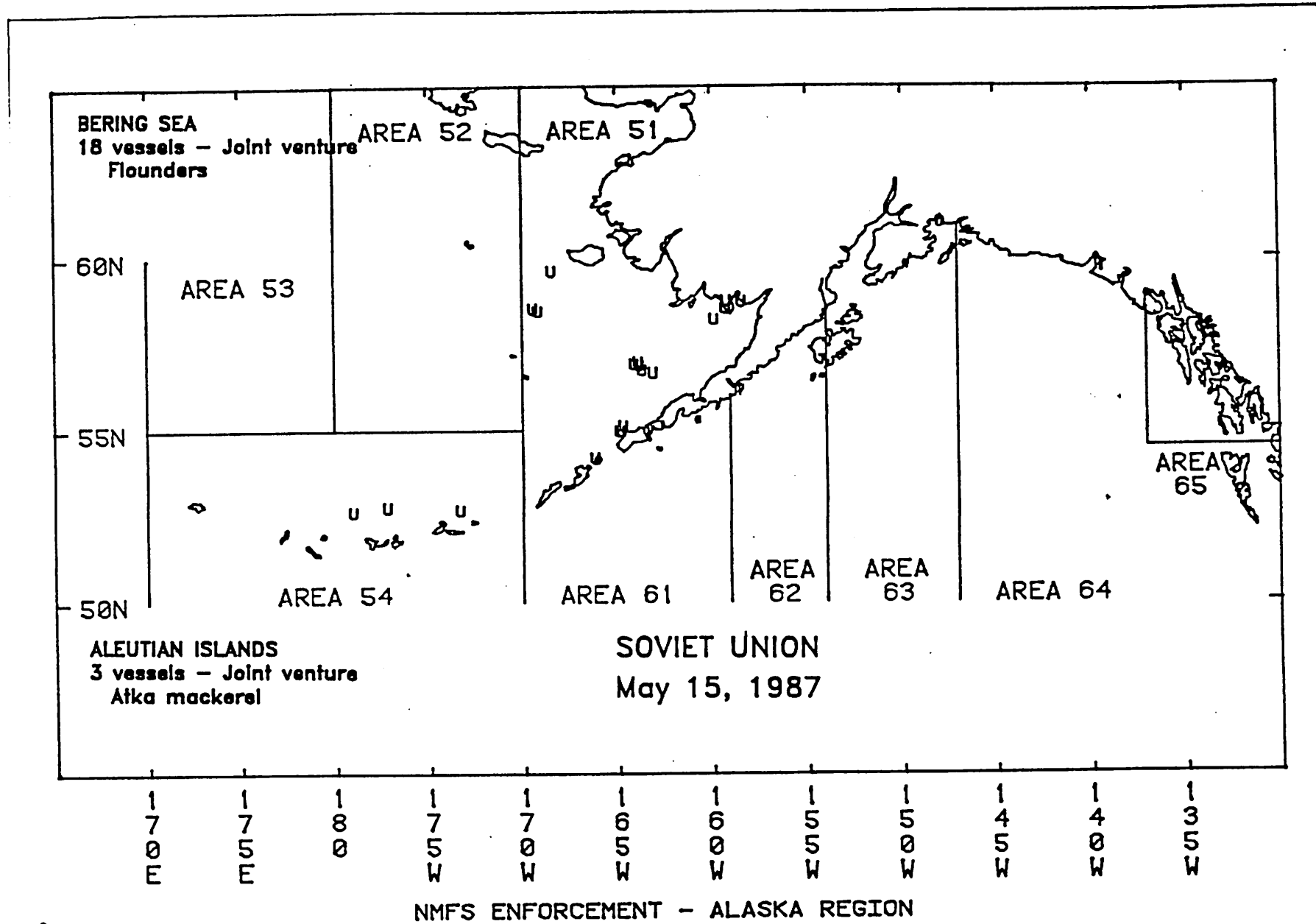
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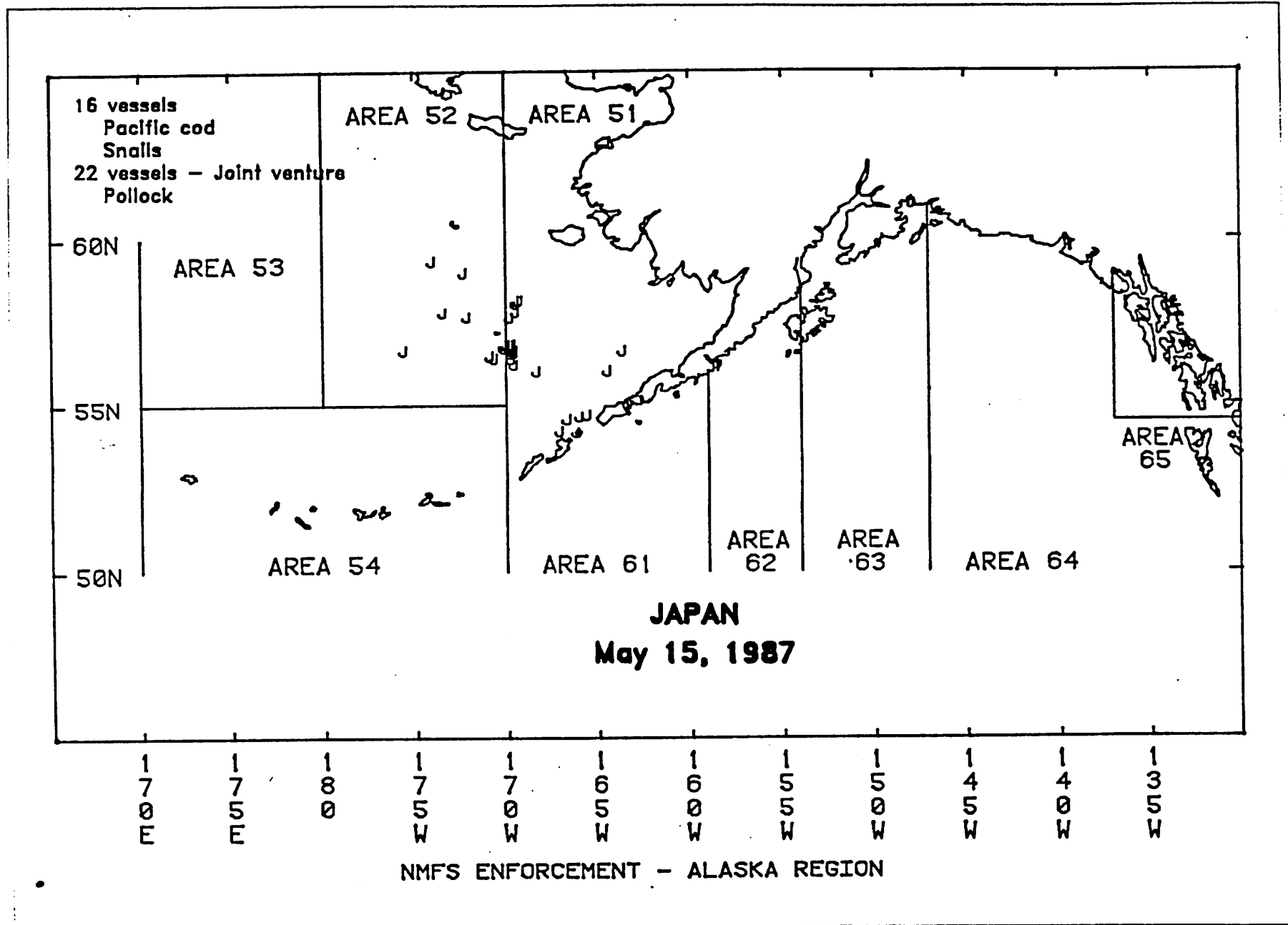
CRAB CATCH IN YELLOWFIN SOLE

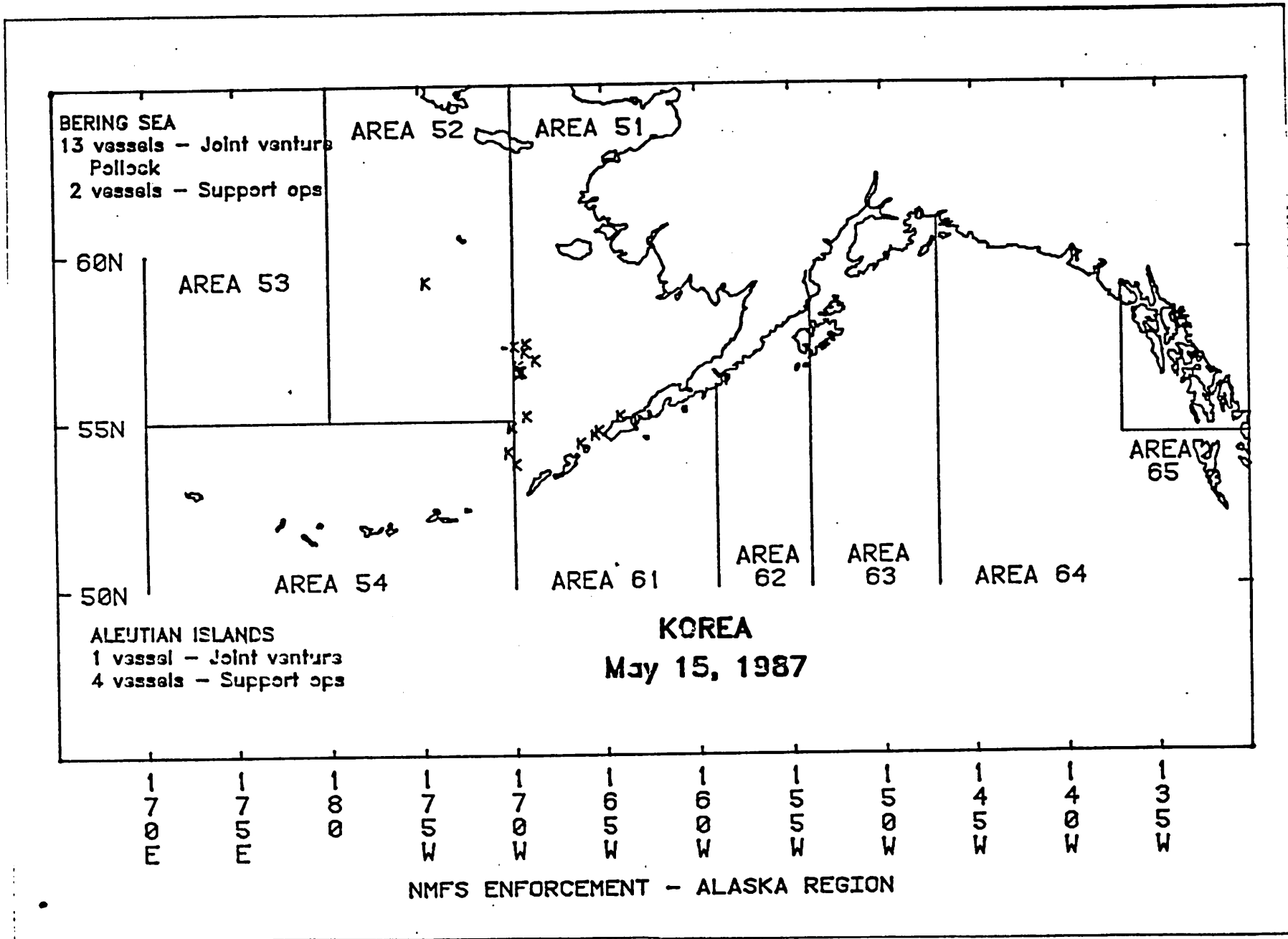
JV FISHERY ZONE 1 1987



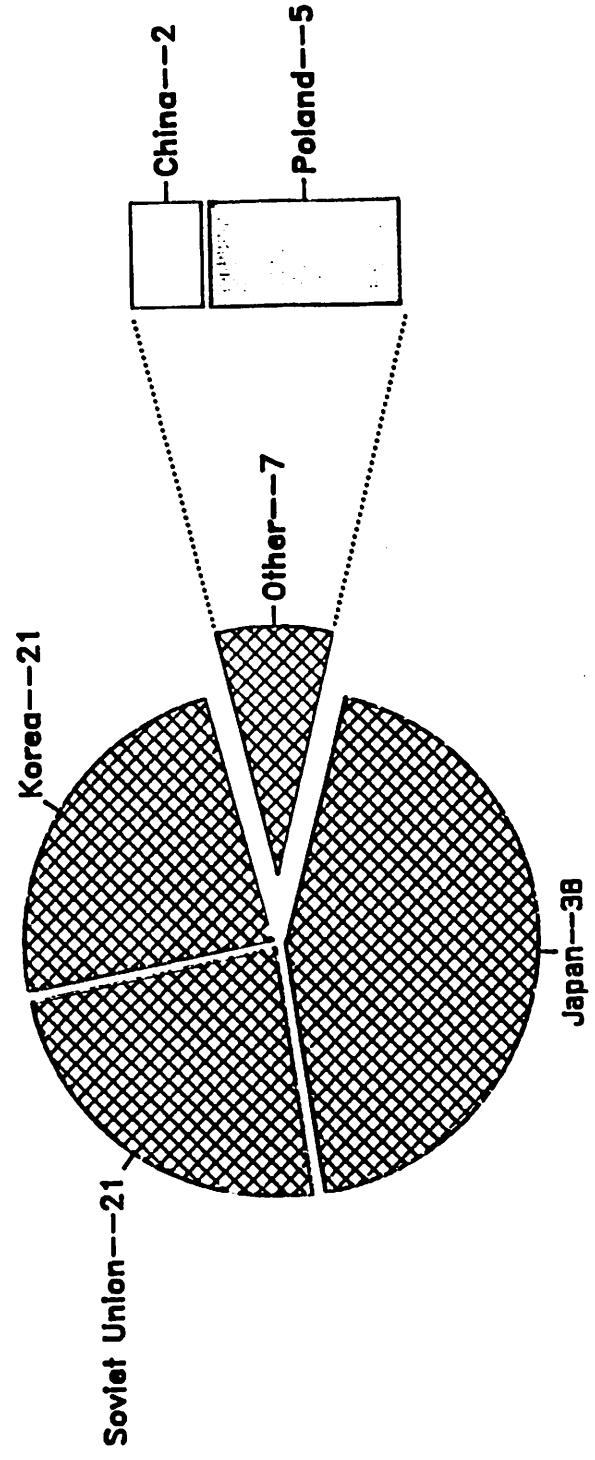


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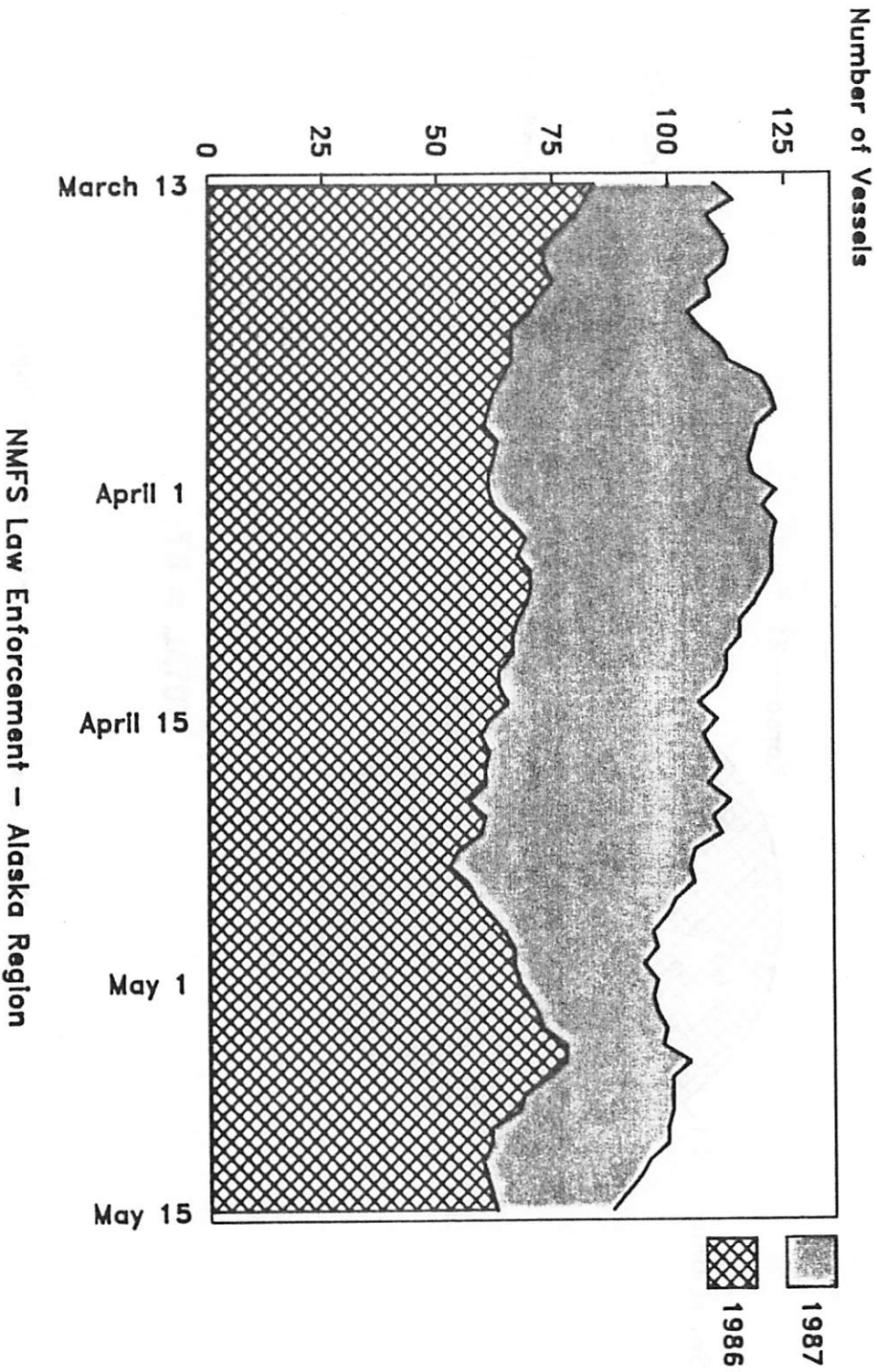
NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA May 15, 1987



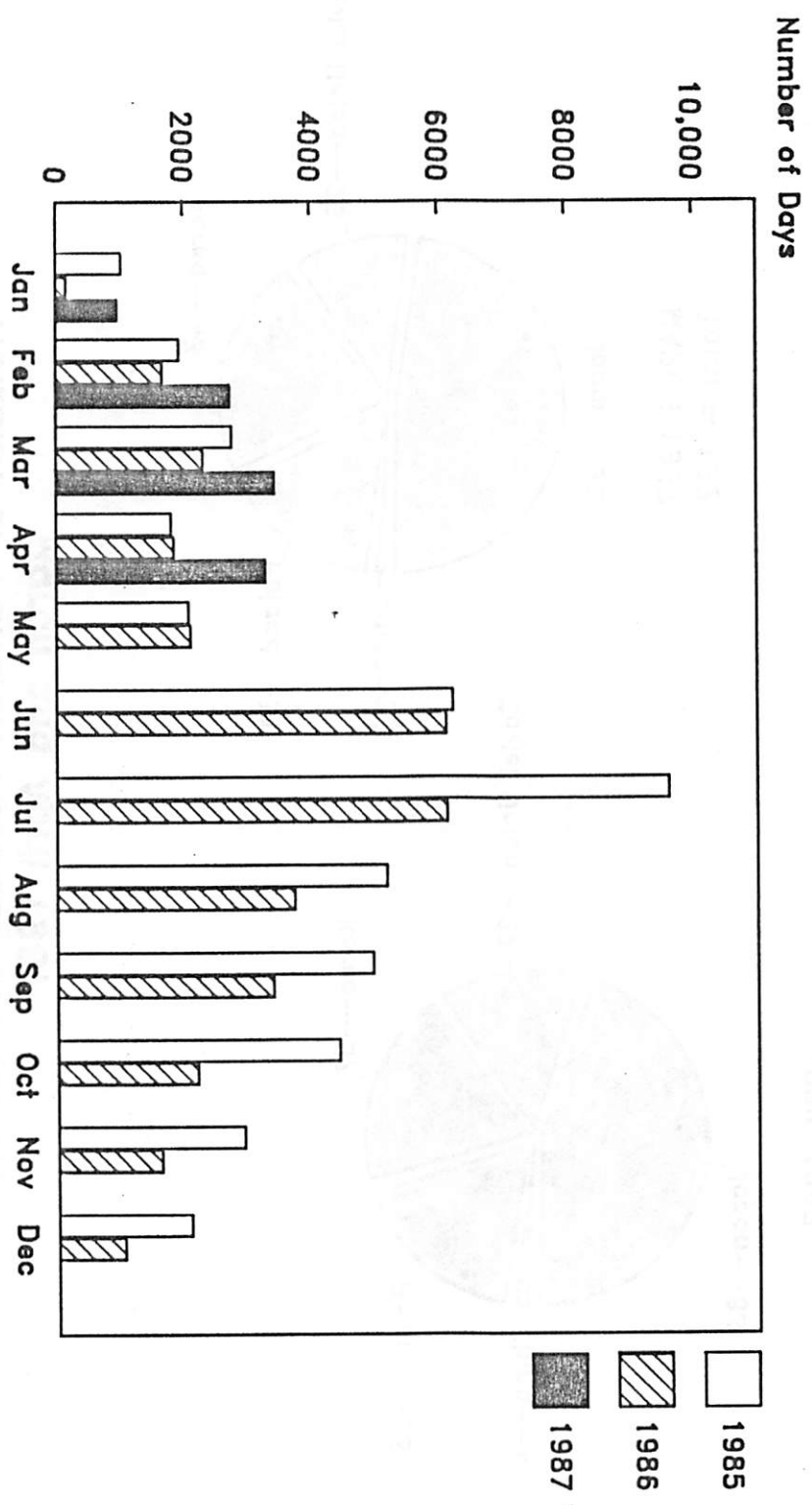
TOTAL = 87

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DAILY NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA 1986 and 1987

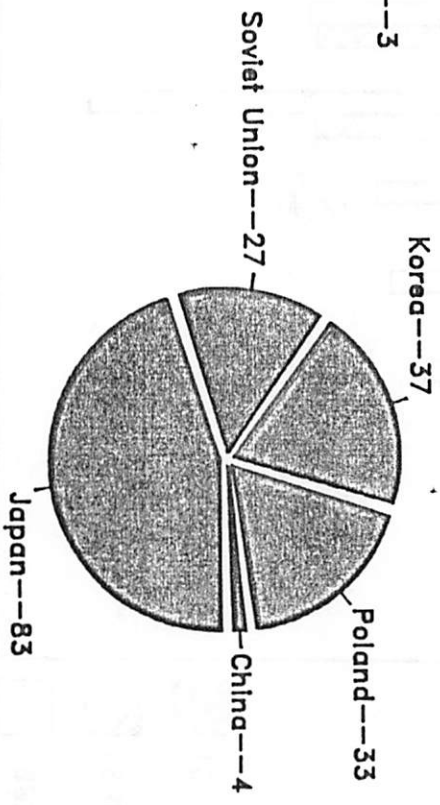
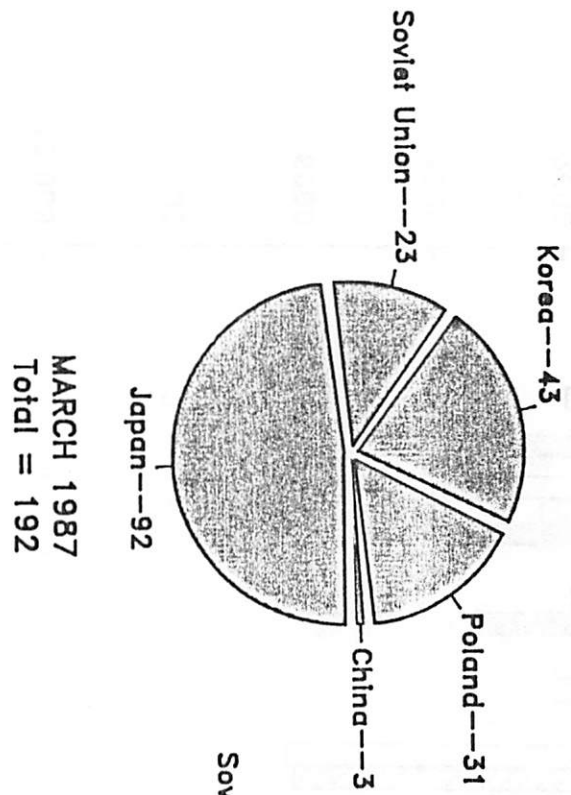


NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSEL DAYS OFF ALASKA 1985 to 1987



NMFS Law Enforcement - Alaska Region

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS OFF ALASKA March and April 1987



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