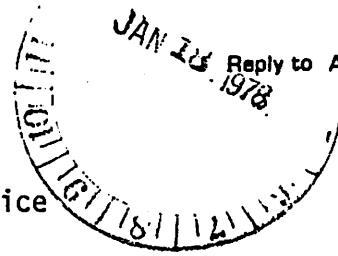




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Date : December 9, 1977

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
FOREIGN FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF ALASKA
NOVEMBER 1977

A total of 194 individual foreign fishing and associated support ships (49 Soviet, 126 Japanese, 16 South Korean, 2 Polish, and 1 Taiwanese) engaged in fisheries off of Alaska during November. This was a decrease of 145 from the previous month and an increase of 20 from November 1976.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES

The 49 individual Soviet vessels included 38 stern trawlers, 1 factory ship with 5 support trawlers, 2 refrigerated transports, 2 tankers, and 1 patrol vessel. This was an increase of three from the previous month and a decrease of 32 from November 1976.

POLLOCK FISHERY

The Soviet effort for pollock in November occurred in the western and central Gulf of Alaska and in the central Bering Sea. In the Gulf of Alaska, 20 stern trawlers supported by two refrigerated transports, one patrol vessel, and one tanker divided their effort between the 100-fathom edge south of the Shumagin Islands and along Albatross Bank south of Kodiak. For a short duration in the second week of November, one factory ship with five support trawlers also operated south of the Shumagin Islands. In the central Bering Sea, 18 stern trawlers supported by 1 tanker fished from the U.S.-Russia 1867 Convention Line south along the Continental Shelf edge.

JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

The 126 individual Japanese vessels engaged in fisheries off Alaska included 36 medium stern trawlers, 20 large stern trawlers, 25 pair trawlers, 19 longliners, 14 refrigerated transports, 4 cargo vessels, 3 factory ships, 2 Danish seiners, 2 tankers, and 1 patrol vessel. This represents a decrease of 146 from the previous month and an increase of 37 from November 1976.

GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY

The Japanese groundfish effort continued in November in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. The greatest fishing activity was in the Bering Sea. In the central Bering Sea 22 independent stern trawlers with their support vessels operated along the 100-fathom edge, while in the eastern Bering Sea 16 independent stern trawlers with their support vessels fished along the 100-fathom edge north of Unimak Pass.

In the Gulf of Alaska, eight independent stern trawlers, one refrigerated transport, and one cargo vessel fished along the Continental Shelf edge from Albatross Bank off Kodiak Island to the area off southeast Alaska.

POLLOCK FISHERY

Two factory ship fleets, with a total of 37 vessels, fished for pollock along the 100-fathom edge in the southeastern Bering Sea. By month's end all the pollock factory fleets had returned to Japan.

FLOUNDER FISHERY

One factory ship fleet, with a total of 8 vessels, continued fishing primarily for flounder southeast of the Pribilof Islands.

SABLEFISH FISHERY

Nineteen longline vessels fished for sablefish off the Alaskan coast in November. In the Gulf of Alaska, four longliners fished the southeastern area, three fished the Yakutat grounds, and three fished Albatross Bank. Five longliners fished off the central Aleutians. In the Bering Sea, four vessels operated along the 100-fathom edge south of the Pribilof Islands.

SOUTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES

The 16 Korean vessels engaged in fisheries off Alaska during November included 14 stern trawlers, 1 longliner, and 1 refrigerated transport. This was a decrease of 5 from October 1977 and an increase of 13 from November 1976.

SABLEFISH FISHERY

One longline vessel operated in the Gulf of Alaska along the 100-fathom edge in the Yakutat grounds.

POLLOCK FISHERY

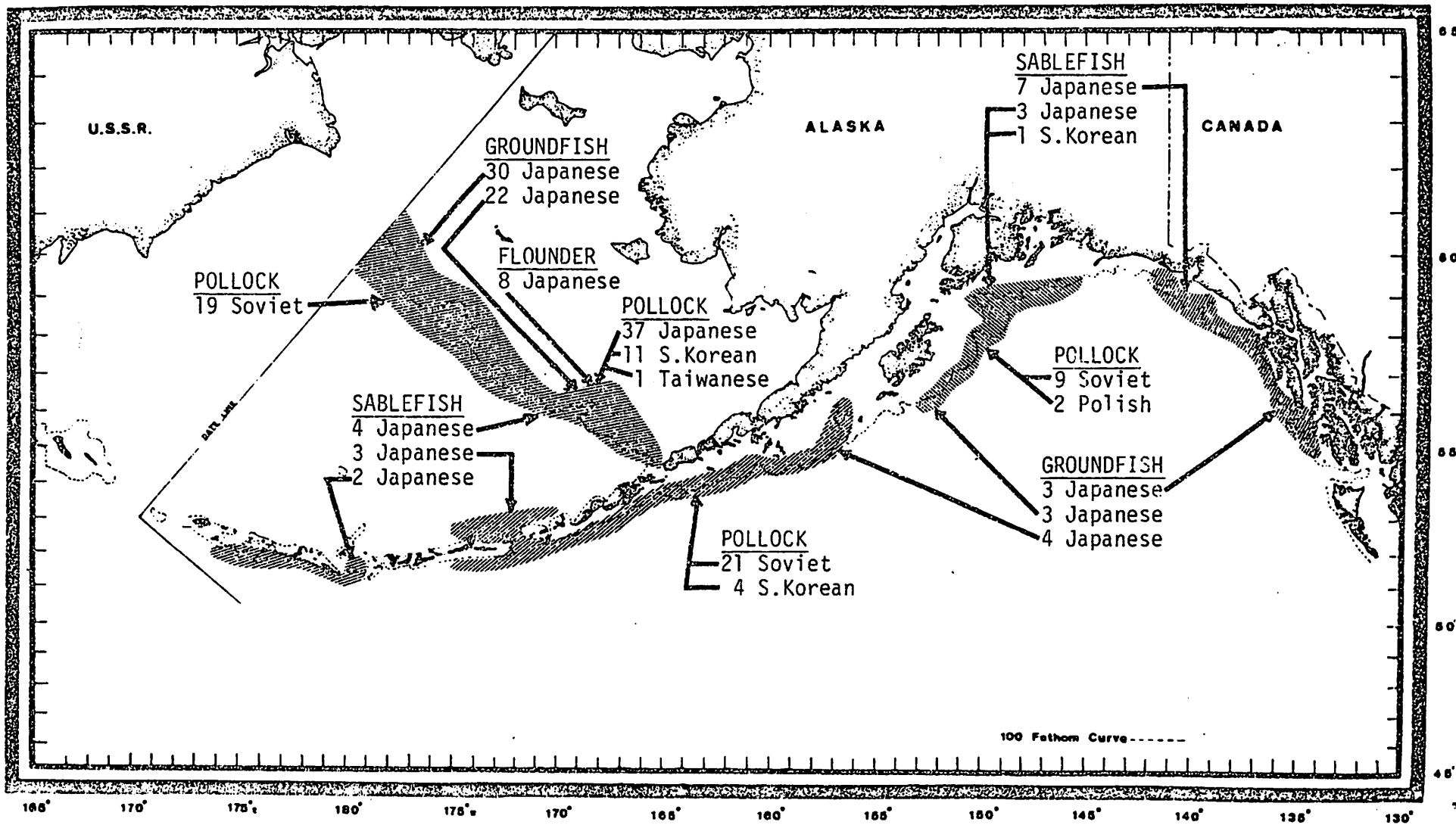
The pollock fishery contained 14 stern trawlers supported by one refrigerated transport. In the Gulf of Alaska three trawlers with the refrigerated transport operated along the 100-fathom edge from the Shumagins to southeast of Unimak Pass. Eleven trawlers fished the southeast Bering Sea north of Unimak Pass.

POLISH ACTIVITIES

The one Polish stern trawler fishing in the area of Kodiak Island was joined by a second trawler in the last week of November.

TAIWANESE ACTIVITIES

During the second week of November, one Taiwanese stern trawler started fishing along the Aleutians.



Foreign fishing off Alaska, November, 1977 by Country,
 number of vessels, principle fishing grounds, and species fished



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**MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
FOREIGN FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF ALASKA
DECEMBER 1977**

A total of 127 individual foreign fishing and associated support ships (79 Japanese, 38 Soviet, 7 South Korean, 2 Polish, and 1 Taiwanese) engaged in fisheries off Alaska during December. This was a decrease of 67 from the previous month and a decrease of 12 from December 1976.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES

The 38 individual Soviet vessels included 35 stern trawlers, 1 refrigerated transport, 1 tanker, and 1 patrol vessel. This was a decrease of 11 from the previous month and a decrease of 27 from December 1976.

POLLOCK FISHERY

The Soviet effort for pollock in December continued in the western and central Gulf of Alaska and in the central Bering Sea. In the Gulf of Alaska, 19 stern trawlers supported by one tanker and one refrigerated transport fished along the 100-fathom edge from Portlock Bank northeast of Kodiak to south of the Shumagin Islands. On December 15, the Gulf of Alaska was closed to Soviet trawlers (the Gulf will again be open to Soviet trawlers on January 1, 1978). The 17 stern trawlers fishing in the Gulf at that time shifted their efforts to the Bering Sea. These vessels and 16 other stern trawlers with one patrol vessel operated in the central Bering Sea along the 100-fathom edge.

JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

The 79 individual Japanese vessels operating off Alaska in December included 22 medium stern trawlers, 18 large stern trawlers, 17 longliners, 9 refrigerated transports, 6 pair trawlers, 4 cargo vessels, 1 factory ship, 1 tanker, and 1 patrol vessel. This is a decrease of 47 from the previous month and an increase of 6 over December 1976.

GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY

During December, the Japanese effort for groundfish continued in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea, with a small effort occurring in the Aleutians and the greatest activity occurring in the Bering Sea. Eighteen independent stern trawlers supported by one cargo vessel and three refrigerated transports operated in the central Bering Sea along the 100-fathom edge. In the eastern Bering Sea, seven stern trawlers with three refrigerated transports, one cargo vessel, and one patrol vessel fished along the 100-fathom edge north of Unimak Pass. Three stern trawlers operated along the Aleutian Islands.

In the Gulf of Alaska, nine stern trawlers supported by two refrigerated transports, one cargo vessel, and one tanker operated along the 100-fathom edge from Portlock Bank to south of the Shumagin Islands. Two stern trawlers, with one cargo vessel and one refrigerated transport, fished off southeast Alaska.

FLOUNDER FISHERY

One factory ship fleet, with a total of eight vessels (one factory/mothership, six pair trawlers, and one stern trawler), continued its effort for flounder in the Bering Sea south of the Pribilof Islands. These vessels have been fishing since the first week of September.

SABLEFISH FISHERY

Seventeen longline vessels fished for sablefish off the Alaskan coast in December. In the Gulf of Alaska, three longliners fished the southeastern grounds and five fished from Portlock Bank to south of the Shumagins. Four longliners fished off the central and western Aleutians. Two longliners fished along the 100-fathom edge in the central Bering Sea and three operated in the eastern Bering Sea north of Unimak Pass.

SOUTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES

The seven Korean vessels operating off Alaska during December included five stern trawlers and two longliners. This was nine less than in November 1977 and seven more than in December 1976.

SABLEFISH FISHERY

Two longline vessels fished in the Gulf of Alaska along the 100-fathom edge off Albatross Bank.

POLLOCK FISHERY

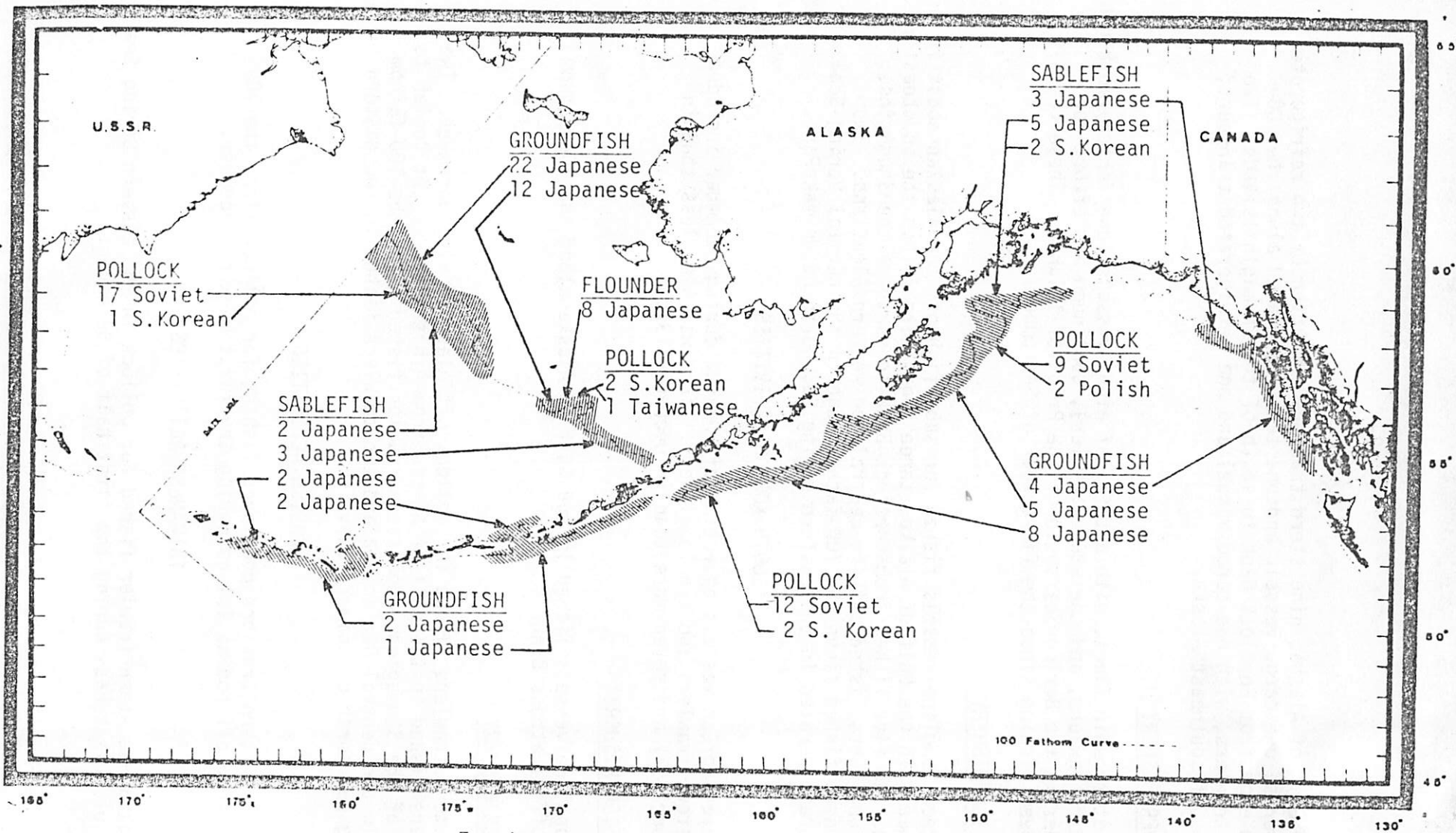
Five stern trawlers fished for pollock off Alaska during December. Two trawlers fished in the Gulf of Alaska from Albatross Bank off Kodiak to south of the Shumagins. One stern trawler fished along the 100-fathom edge in the central Bering Sea and two trawlers fished in the eastern Bering Sea north of Unimak Pass.

POLISH ACTIVITIES

Two Polish stern trawlers continued fishing for pollock along the 100-fathom edge off Kodiak Island during the first week of December.

TAIWANESE ACTIVITIES

One Taiwanese stern trawler fished for pollock in the eastern Bering Sea north of Unimak Pass during the first half of December.



Foreign fishing off Alaska, December, 1977 by country,
 number of vessels, principal fishing grounds, and species fished

NUMBERS OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS OFF ALASKA
 JANUARY-DECEMBER 1976-1977

1/ JA - Japan
 UR - Soviet Union
 KS - South Korea
 TW - Taiwan

2/ AN=ALL NATIONS

	<u>BERING SEA-ALEUTIAN IS.</u>			<u>GULF OF ALASKA</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>		
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
JANUARY	47 JA ^{1/} 54 UR <u>101</u>	45 JA 82 UR <u>127</u>	+26 AN ^{2/}	17 JA 19 UR 1 KS <u>37</u>	23 JA 15 UR 1 TW <u>39</u>	+ 15 AN	64 JA 73 UR 1 KS <u>138</u>	68 JA 97 UR 1 TW <u>166</u>	+ 6 JA + 33 UR + 20 AN
FEBRUARY	57 JA 95 UR 1 TW <u>153</u>	34 JA 83 UR <u>117</u>	-24 AN	36 JA 26 UR 4 KS <u>66</u>	34 JA 11 UR <u>45</u>	- 32 AN	93 JA 121 UR 4 KS 1 TW <u>219</u>	68 JA 94 UR <u>162</u>	- 27 JA - 22 UR - 26 AN
MARCH	51 JA 101 UR 1 TW <u>153</u>	58 JA 43 UR <u>101</u>	-34 AN	18 JA 25 UR 1 KS <u>46</u>	14 JA 13 UR 1 KS <u>28</u>	- 39 AN	69 JA 126 UR 3 KS 1 TW <u>199</u>	72 JA 56 UR 1 KS <u>129</u>	+ 4 JA - 56 UR - 35 AN
APRIL	162 JA 121 UR 1 KS <u>284</u>	84 JA 32 UR <u>116</u>	-59 AN	17 JA 26 UR 2 KS 1 TW <u>46</u>	19 JA 1 KS <u>20</u>	- 56 AN	179 JA 147 UR 3 KS 1 TW <u>330</u>	103 JA 32 UR 1 KS <u>136</u>	- 42 JA - 78 UR - 59 AN
MAY	570 JA 100 UR 36 KS 1 TW <u>707</u>	290 JA 22 UR <u>312</u>	-56 AN	14 JA 66 UR 2 KS 1 TW <u>83</u>	20 JA 3 KS <u>23</u>	- 72 AN	584 JA 166 UR 38 KS 2 TW <u>790</u>	310 JA 22 UR 3 KS <u>335</u>	- 47 JA - 87 UR - 92 KS - 58 AN
JUNE	599 JA 76 UR 25 KS 1 TW <u>701</u>	577 JA 20 UR 2 KS 1 TW <u>600</u>	-14 AN	17 JA 12 UR 28 KS 1 TW <u>58</u>	35 JA 4 KS <u>39</u>	- 33 AN	616 JA 88 UR 53 KS 2 TW <u>759</u>	612 JA 20 UR 6 KS 1 TW <u>639</u>	- 1 JA - 77 UR - 89 KS - 16 AN

BERING SEA-ALEUTIAN IS.

GULF OF ALASKA

TOTAL

	<u>1976</u>			<u>1977</u>			<u>% Change</u>	<u>1976</u>			<u>1977</u>			<u>% Change</u>	<u>1976</u>			<u>1977</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
JULY	492	JA		603	JA			25	JA		30	JA			517	JA		633	JA		+ 22	JA	
	93	UR		6	UR			3	UR		2	UR			96	UR		8	UR		- 92	UR	
	46	KS		6	KS			11	KS		5	KS			57	KS		11	KS		- 81	KS	
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	<u>631</u>			<u>615</u>			- 3 AN	<u>42</u>			<u>37</u>			- 12 AN	<u>673</u>			<u>652</u>			- 3	AN	
AUGUST	197	JA		312	JA			22	JA		25	JA			217	JA		337	JA		+ 55	JA	
	60	UR		-	UR			6	UR		7	UR			66	UR		7	UR		- 89	UR	
	46	KS		7	KS			10	KS		3	KS			56	KS		10	KS		- 82	KS	
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	<u>304</u>			<u>321</u>			+ 5 AN	<u>41</u>			<u>35</u>			- 14 AN	<u>343</u>			<u>356</u>			+ 4	AN	
SEPTEMBER	196	JA		293	JA			26	JA		24	JA			222	JA		317	JA		+ 43	JA	
	25	UR		4	UR			17	UR		13	UR			42	UR		17	UR		- 60	UR	
	50	KS		6	KS			4	KS		7	KS			54	KS		13	KS		- 76	KS	
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	<u>271</u>			<u>303</u>			+ 12 AN	<u>51</u>			<u>44</u>			- 14 AN	<u>322</u>			<u>347</u>			+ 8	AN	
OCTOBER	164	JA		248	JA			23	JA		24	JA			187	JA		272	JA		+ 45	JA	
	15	UR		20	UR			27	UR		25	UR			42	UR		45	UR		+ 7	UR	
	33	KS		8	KS			15	KS		13	KS			48	KS		21	KS		- 56	KS	
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	<u>212</u>			<u>276</u>			+ 30 AN	<u>69</u>			<u>63</u>			- 9 AN	<u>281</u>			<u>339</u>			+ 21	AN	
NOVEMBER	71	JA		105	JA			18	JA		19	JA			89	JA		124	JA		+ 39	JA	
	55	UR		20	UR			25	UR		28	UR			80	UR		48	UR		- 40	UR	
	0	KS		11	KS			3	KS		5	KS			3	KS		16	KS		+433	KS	
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	<u>126</u>			<u>137</u>			+ 9 AN	<u>48</u>			<u>54</u>			+ 12 AN	<u>174</u>			<u>191</u>			+ 10		

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GULF OF ALASKA

TOTAL

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DECEMBER	52 JA 54 UR	54 JA 17 UR 3 KS 1 TW	1	21 JA 11 UR 1 TW	25 JA 21 UR 4 KS 2 PL		73 JA 65 UR 1 TW	79 JA 38 UR 7 KS 1 TW 2 PL	+ 8 JA - 42 UR - 9 AN
	<u>106</u>	<u>75</u>	-29 AN	<u>33</u>	<u>52</u>	+58 AN	<u>139</u>	<u>127</u>	

ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN FOR INFRACTIONS
OF FCMA REGULATIONS OFF ALASKA
1977

	CITATIONS	REPORT OF VIOLATIONS	SEIZURES
Japan	31	13	-
USSR	7	4	-
Korea	10	4	-
Taiwan	2	1	1

Table reflects number of actions taken for non-compliance of regulations,
not number of vessels.

FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL PERMITS
ALASKA REGION 1977-78

<u>Country</u>	1977			1978		
	<u>No. of Vessel Permits Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>No. of Vessel Permits Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Issued</u>
Japan <u>1/</u>	474	470	470	468	468	412
USSR	306	142	142	334	334	149
Korea	78	32	30	51	51	18
Poland	18	9	9	22	22	0
Taiwan	29	4	4	40	8	0
Mexico	0	0	0	2	0	0
France <u>2/</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	906	658	656	917	883	579

1/ Does not include salmon fishery

2/ Support vessel for Polish fleet

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VESSELS
OPERATING OFF ALASKA - 1977

	BSA	GOA	SBL	CRB	SNA	TOTAL*
JAPAN	350	42	23	26	3	404
USSR	55	40				84
KOREA	12	10	6			25
TAIWAN	2					2
POLAND		2				2
TOTAL	419	94	29	26	3	517

* Number of actual vessels that fished does not include duplication of vessels that fished under more than 1 plan.

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