

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STATUS REPORT ON JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS OFF ALASKA FOR 1985

December 4, 1985

The total joint venture catch off Alaska through December 2, 1985 as reported by NMFS was 876,473 mt, which included the following species harvests:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea/Aleutians</u>
Pollock	234,150 mt	375,898 mt
Pacific cod	2,224	40,837
Atka mackerel	1,862	37,766
Sablefish	186	105
Rockfish	50	17
Pacific ocean perch	234	446
Flatfish	2,175	45,623
Yellowfin sole	--	125,903
Turbot	--	443
Others	<u>2,240</u>	<u>6,314</u>
TOTAL	243,121 mt	633,352 mt

Individual operations in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska are summarized below.

1. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Ohtori Suisan (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 24,000 mt originally; 2,630 mt added in May)

Operations began February 1 and through March 19 harvested 10,449 mt pollock from Shelikof Strait. Operations in the Bering Sea March 23-31 with 3 catchers and 1 processor took 2,641 mt pollock. Yellowfin sole operations in the Eastern Bering Sea caught 2,588 mt using 2 catchers and 1 processor from June 15 to July 10. Pollock operations in the Bering Sea July 12 through September 8 caught 9,329 mt using 5 catchers and 1 processor.

2. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Kyokuyo (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 11,000 mt)

Operations from January 27 to March 16 harvested 10,431 mt pollock from Shelikof Strait. Operations in the Bering Sea and Aleutians harvested 11,548 mt pollock using 5 catchers and 1 processor from July 2 to August 31.

3. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 141,500 mt originally; 3,085 mt added in March)

Shelikof operations commenced in February and through March 6, harvested 30,233 mt mainly pollock using 8-9 catchers and 4 processors. Operations moved to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands on March 9 and harvested 46,330 mt

pollock through April 22. Fishing began again on June 19 in the Bering Sea and caught 61,505 mt pollock by August 25 using 9 catchers and 4 processors. Yellowfin sole operations began July 23 and by September 24 harvested 3,331 mt flounders and 299 mt cod.

4. Westward Trawlers/Kanai (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 1,540 mt)

Operations began August 1 and by September 2 harvested 1,575 mt, including 1,469 mt flatfish, 91 mt cod, and 15 mt pollock using 2 processors and 1-2 catchers.

5. Westward Trawlers/Hokkaido Fisheries (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 8,300 mt)

Operations commenced in the Bering Sea and Aleutians August 1 and ran until September 28 using 1 processor and 1-3 catchers to harvest 8,000 mt pollock (6,000 mt of this was borrowed from Taiyo).

6. Alyeska Ocean/Hoko (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 35,000 mt, originally; 2,330 mt added in May)

Shelikof operations from February 6 through March 16 harvested 11,398 mt pollock and 48 mt Pacific cod using 3 catchers and 1 processor. Unimak Pass operations from March 20 through April 19 harvested 11,385 mt pollock and 186 mt cod using 3-4 catchers and 1 processor. Operations from June 18 through August 3 harvested 16,921 mt pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutians.

Yellowfin sole operations in Bristol Bay from August 8 to September 4 caught 2,303 mt sole and other flounders using 2 catchers and 1 processor.

7. Peter Pan Seafoods/Nichiro Gyogyo (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 21,000 mt originally; 5,250 mt added in March)

Shelikof operations from February 2 to March 24 caught 10,000 mt pollock using 2 catchers and 1 processor. Bering Sea operations harvested 15,000 mt pollock between June 16 and September 5 using 3 catchers and 1 processor.

Bering Sea yellowfin sole operations from May 21 to June 9 harvested 1,600 mt using 2 catchers and 3 processors. Operations resumed September 11 and caught 2,550 mt by October 27.

8. Universal Seafoods/Nippon Suisan (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 181,000 mt originally; 4,880 mt added in March)

Shelikof operations from January 31 through March 9 harvested 39,195 mt pollock using 10 catchers and 5 surimi factory trawlers. Bering Sea/Aleutians operations caught another 42,780 mt pollock between March 16 and April 22 and 4,138 mt yellowfin sole between April 27 and June 21 using 2-3 catchers and 1 processor. They fished for pollock again starting July 1 and by September 29 caught 90,309 mt mainly pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutians using 12-14 catchers and 5 motherships.

9. Alaska Contact/Japan Medium Trawlers (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 18,400 mt originally; 2,100 mt added in March)

Shelikof operations from February 17 through March 13 caught 5,993 mt pollock using 4 catchers and 3 processors. Bering Sea operations from June 1 through August 22 caught 5,850 mt (63% yellowfin sole and flounder) using 2 catchers and 2-4 processors. Operations ran again September 25 to the end of October. Total annual catch was 12,604 mt, including 6,000 mt pollock and 6,604 mt sole and flounders.

10. Alaskan Fisheries/Hokkaido Fisheries (Japan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 2,220 mt)

Operations from June 19 to July 21 in Bristol Bay took 1,404 mt yellowfin sole using 2 catchers and 1 processor.

11. Cal-Alaska/Marine Enterprise (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 9,200 mt)

Shelikof operations March 3-29 harvested 2,800 mt pollock using 1 catcher and 1 processor. Operations then moved to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and through August 30 caught 3,600 mt, including 1,900 mt pollock, 1,150 mt yellowfin sole, and 490 mt Pacific cod. Operations continued until November 8 in the Eastern Bering Sea using 1 catcher and 1 processor and caught 2,660 mt, including 2,390 mt mainly pollock, 90 mt Pacific cod and under 166 mt yellowfin sole.

12. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Nambug (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Shelikof operations from February 22 to April 16 harvested 8,000 mt pollock using 2 catchers and 1 processor. Bering Sea operations from June 1 to June 20 caught 1,000 mt pollock, 600 mt Atka mackerel, and 200 mt other groundfish using 1 processor and 2 catchers.

13. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Daerim (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 6,600 mt)

Shelikof operations February 22 to March 31 harvested 7,000 mt pollock using 3 catchers and 2 processors. Operations in Seguam Pass and Bristol Bay from March 30 through October 30 harvested 3,500 mt Atka mackerel, 3,530 mt pollock, 150 mt cod, and 2,082 mt sole using 3-4 catchers and 1-2 processors.

14. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Samho Moolsan (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 25,000 mt)

Operations began January 25 in Unimak Pass and harvested 1,800 mt cod and pollock by February 15 using 2 catchers and 1 processor. Shelikof operations from February 20 to March 30 harvested 15,000 mt pollock using 4-6 catchers and 3 processors. Operations in Bristol Bay and Seguam Pass by late October harvested 5,474 mt pollock, 880 mt cod, 4,683 mt sole, and 4,000 mt Atka mackerel using 1-3 processors and 2-6 catchers.

15. JV Fisheries/Oyang (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 13,500 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced February 21 and through April 5 harvested 9,600 mt pollock using 2 catchers and 1-2 factoryships. From April 24 to May 24 they harvested 1,200 mt Atka mackerel in the Bering Sea and from May 25 to June 5 caught 447 mt pollock. They fished the Bering Sea and Aleutians for their final operation and harvested 1,400 mt flounders in the Bering Sea June 10-30 using 1 processor and 2 catchers. Total for the year is 12,647 mt.

16. Alaska Contact/Hansung (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 33,300 mt)

Shelikof operations February 17 to March 22 harvested 12,048 mt pollock using 4 catchers and 2 processors. Operations from April 6 to November harvested 11,416 mt, including 9,549 mt pollock and 1,867 mt Atka mackerel, yellowfin sole and Pacific cod, using 2 catchers and 1 processor in the Bering Sea.

17. ProFish Alaska/Dongwon (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 14,000 mt)

Shelikof operations harvested 4,858 mt pollock between February 24 and March 27 using 2 catchers and 1 processor. Combined operations delivering to Dongwon, Silla, Dongbang, and Namyang Sa vessels began on April 20 using 9 catchers and 5 processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutians. Operations ended with a catch of 18,500 mt which was 55% Atka mackerel, 15% cod, and 30% sole. Operations in October caught an additional 1,540 mt which was 50% pollock and the rest sole and Atka mackerel.

18. ProFish Alaska/Daiho (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 4,500 mt)

Shelikof operations harvested 1,400 mt of pollock between February 24 and March 27 using 1 catcher and 1 processor. Operations have ceased for the time being.

19. Profish International/Silla (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 13,500 mt)

Shelikof operations from February 24 through March 27 harvested 7,150 mt of pollock using 2 catchers and 1 processor. See Profish/Dongwon operations above for further activity.

20. ProFish Alaska/Dongbang (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 2,600 mt)

See Profish/Dongwon operations above for further activity.

21. ProFish Alaska/Namyang (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 5,200 mt)

See Profish/Dongwon operations above for further activity.

22. Arctic Venture Fisheries/Korea Wonyang (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 37,000 mt)

Shelikof operations from March 5 to April 8 harvested 17,000 mt pollock using 5 catchers and 3 processors. Bering Sea operations using 1 processor and 4 catchers from June 15 to October 31 caught 18,388 mt, including 16,771 mt pollock, 107 mt cod, and 98 mt sole.

23. Arctic Venture Fisheries/TransOcean (South Korea) (Complete)
(1985 request: 3,000 mt)

Operations south of the Aleutians harvested 1,100 mt pollock, 40 mt cod, and 20 mt Atka mackerel using 1 catcher and 1 processor. Operations shifted to Atka mackerel in Seguam Pass on May 9 and ran until June 6. Few Atka mackerel were found and the catch totaled 2,198 mt which included 1,210 mt pollock, 100 mt cod, and 856 mt mackerel. A second fishery October 10-23 harvested 1,178 mt, mostly pollock, from the Bering Sea using 2 catchers and 1 processor.

24. Marine Resources Company (U.S.S.R.) (Complete)
(1985 request: 200,000 mt)

Codfish operations February 17 to March 31 harvested 13,800 mt including 10,000 mt cod using 23 catchers and 13 processors in Unimak Pass. Operations switched to flounders on April 1 and using 15 processors and 27 catchers caught 134,176 mt through October 5.

The Atka mackerel fishery April 20 through July 31 harvested 19,000 mt using 7 catchers and 2 processors. The fleet switched to Bristol Bay and harvested 17,900 mt flounders through October 31 using 1 mothership and 5 catchers.

Operations from November 1-15 using 1 processor and 6 catchers caught 1,761 mt pollock in the Bering Sea. A two-day Atka mackerel fishery in the Western Gulf in mid-October caught 93 mt.

25. Alaska Contact/Highly Enterprise (Taiwan) (Complete)
(1985 request: 6,500 mt)

Operations commenced May 10 in the Gulf of Alaska using 3 catchers and 3-4 processors and caught 2,200 mt cod and pollock. Operations then fished the Bering Sea until November 24. Total catch this year was 3,871 mt sole, pollock, and cod.

26. St. George Tanaq/Highly Enterprise (Taiwan) (Cancelled)
(1985 request: 9,000 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

27. Alaska Contact/Rybex (Poland) (Ongoing)
(1985 request: 40,000 mt)

Shelikof operations January 23 through April 19 harvested 13,120 mt pollock using 5 catchers and 3 processors. Operations shifted to Unimak on April 21 and harvested 7,000 mt pollock. Operations will continue through January 1 using 3 processors and 4 catchers in the Central Gulf. Total harvest this year to date is 26,200 mt pollock.

28. Quest Export Trading/Rybex (Poland) (Complete)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began February 24 and through April 29 harvested 4,237 mt pollock using 1 catcher and 1 processor. Operations moved to the Bering Sea and harvested 2,607 mt pollock through June 15 using 2 catchers and 1 processor.

29. Alaska JV Fisheries/Iceland (Cancelled)
(1985 request: 15,000 mt)

Operations have been cancelled.

30. ProFish Alaska/Solseca (Portugal) (Complete)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Operations commenced February 7 and through mid-March harvested 750 mt cod in the Bering Sea/Aleutians area using 2 catchers and 1 processor. No additional fishing has occurred.