

Groundfish Fisheries

Three Joint Venture operations have all moved to the Bering Sea as of early May. Total groundfish catch for April was 20,038 metric tons (44.2 million pounds) divided 98 percent to Joint Ventures. To date the total catch of 38,315 metric tons (84.5 million pounds) was taken about 50-50 from the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. In April, four foreign processors and 54 domestic vessels participated in the groundfish fishery off Alaska.

Herring

The Togiak fishery commenced April 25 and continues. Through May 16, 11,162 metric tons of sac roe herring and 160.1 metric tons of roe on kelp have been landed.

In the Security Cove-Goodnews Bay-Cape Romanzof areas, a total of 558 metric tons of sac roe herring have been landed. Security Cove-Goodnews Bay opened May 1 and Cape Romanzof on April 15.

The total Gulf of Alaska catch to date has been 20,352 m.t. Prince William Sound provided 61 percent, Southeast Alaska 31 percent, and the remainder from Cook Inlet to Chignik. Areas east of Kodiak are now closed.

Tanner Crab Fisheries

Tanner crab continue to be taken in several areas. Landings of Tanner crab through May 10, 1981 were:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Harvest in Pounds</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yakutat	532,000	Closed
Prince William Sound	2,000,000	Closed
Cook Inlet	2,235,716	Open
Kodiak	10,804,382	Closed*
South Peninsula	3,332,634	Closed
Chignik	3,637,090	Closed
Eastern Aleutians	625,472	Open
Western Aleutians	220,716	Closed
Bering Sea	82,854,769	Bairdi closed 5/7 Opilio open

\*Catch reported through 5/10. Area closed 5/15.

Salmon

The Southeast Alaska salmon troll fishery opened on May 15. No catch reports available as of this writing.

DOMESTIC GROUND FISH STATISTICS  
ALL ALASKAN WATERS  
March, 1981

A. DOMESTIC CATCH

<u>Species</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>			<u>Pounds</u>		
	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pollock	6,905.1	6,198.4	13,103.5	15,222,983	13,664,992	28,887,975
Pacific Cod	213.2	509.6	722.8	470,021	1,123,464	1,593,485
Sablefish	9.0	-	9.0	19,841	-	19,841
Flounder	19.8	-	19.8	43,651	-	43,651
Rockfish	53.9	-	53.9	118,828	-	118,828
Atka Mackerel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/Unspecified	60.5	-	60.5	133,378	-	133,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,261.5</b>	<b>6,708.0</b>	<b>13,103.5</b>	<b>16,008,702</b>	<b>14,788,456</b>	<b>30,797,158</b>

B. OPERATIONS

	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of Vessels Landing	19	9	28
Joint Venture Operations	1	1	2

\* Preliminary Results  
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Extended Jurisdiction Section  
4/29/81

DOMESTIC GROUND FISH STATISTICS  
ALL ALASKAN WATERS  
April, 1981

A. DOMESTIC CATCH

<u>Species</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>			<u>Pounds</u>		
	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pollock	7,980	11,063	19,043	17,592,815	24,390,371	41,983,186
Pacific Cod	157	635	792	345,425	1,398,874	1,744,299
Sablefish	96	-	96	211,520	-	211,520
Flounder	22	less than 1	22	49,276	441	49,717
Rockfish	43	-	43	94,331	-	94,331
Atka Mackerel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/Unspecified	41	1	42	90,402	1,543	91,945
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>11,699</b>	<b>20,038</b>	<b>18,383,769</b>	<b>25,791,229</b>	<b>44,174,998</b>

B. OPERATIONS

	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of Vessels Landing	43	18	54
Joint Venture Operations	2	2	4

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GULF OF ALASKA & BERING SEA DOMESTIC CATCH

Jan. 1 to April 30, 1981

CUMULATIVE  
Metric Tons <sup>1/</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Pollock	27	3,155	13,104	19,043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,329
Pacific Cod	138	810	723	792	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,463
Sablefish	5	28	9	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138
Flounder	3	20	20	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Rockfish	10	11	54	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
Atka Mackerel	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/Unspecified	39	60	60	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201
Total	222	4,084	13,970	20,038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,314

<sup>1/</sup> Dressed Weight

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