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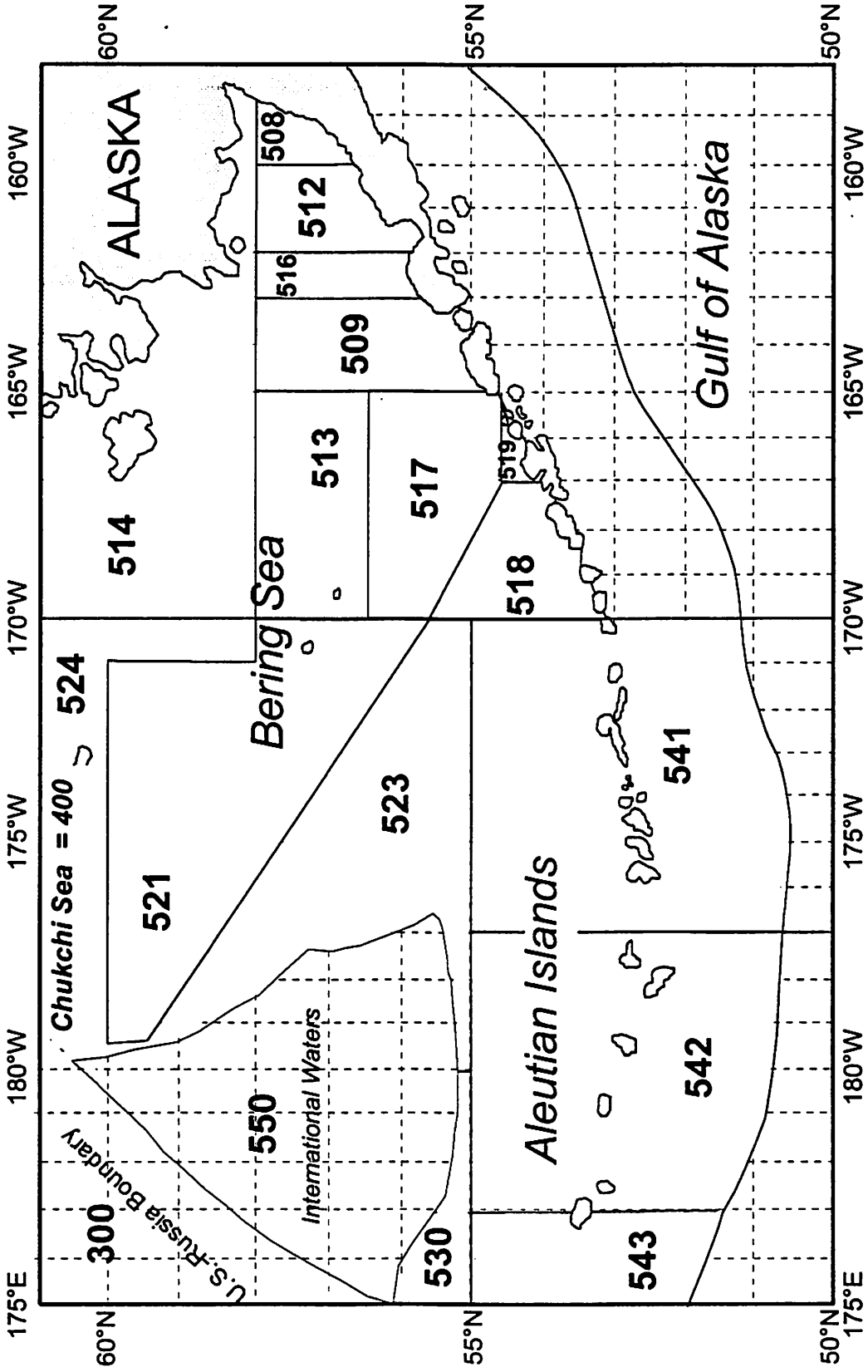
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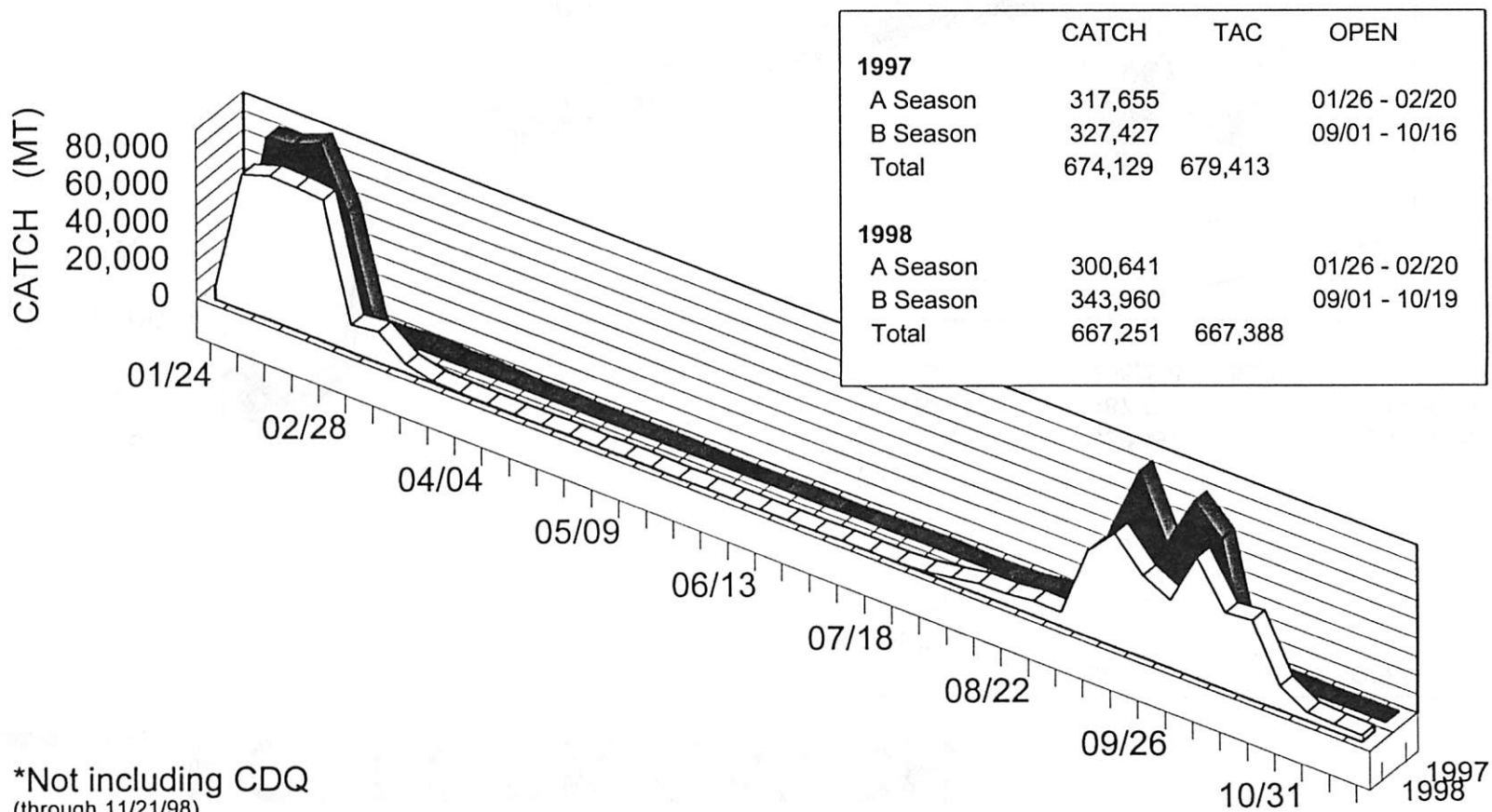
**NMFS FISHERIES  
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REPORT**



# BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS REPORTING AREAS

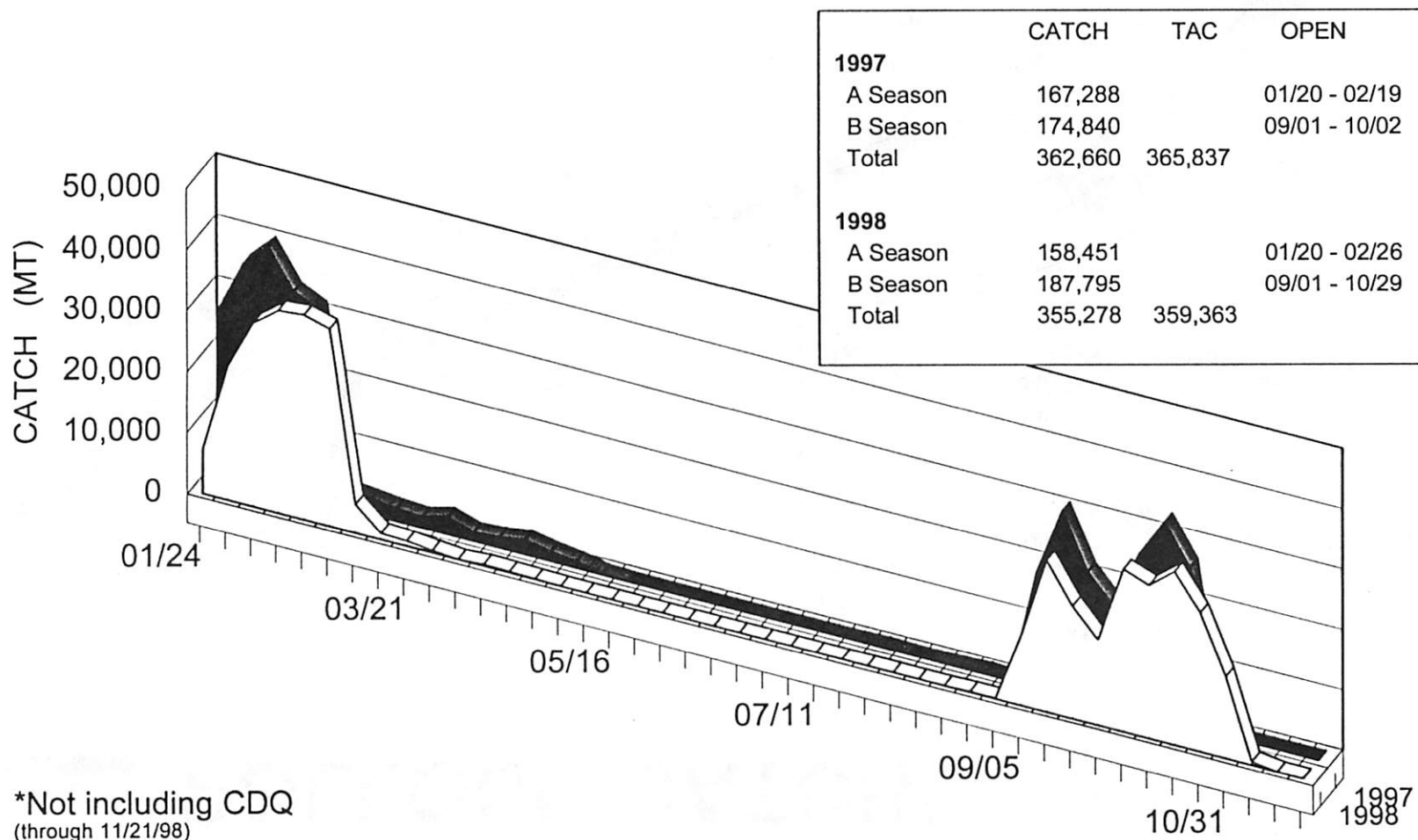


# 1997/98 BERING SEA OFFSHORE POLLOCK CATCH\*

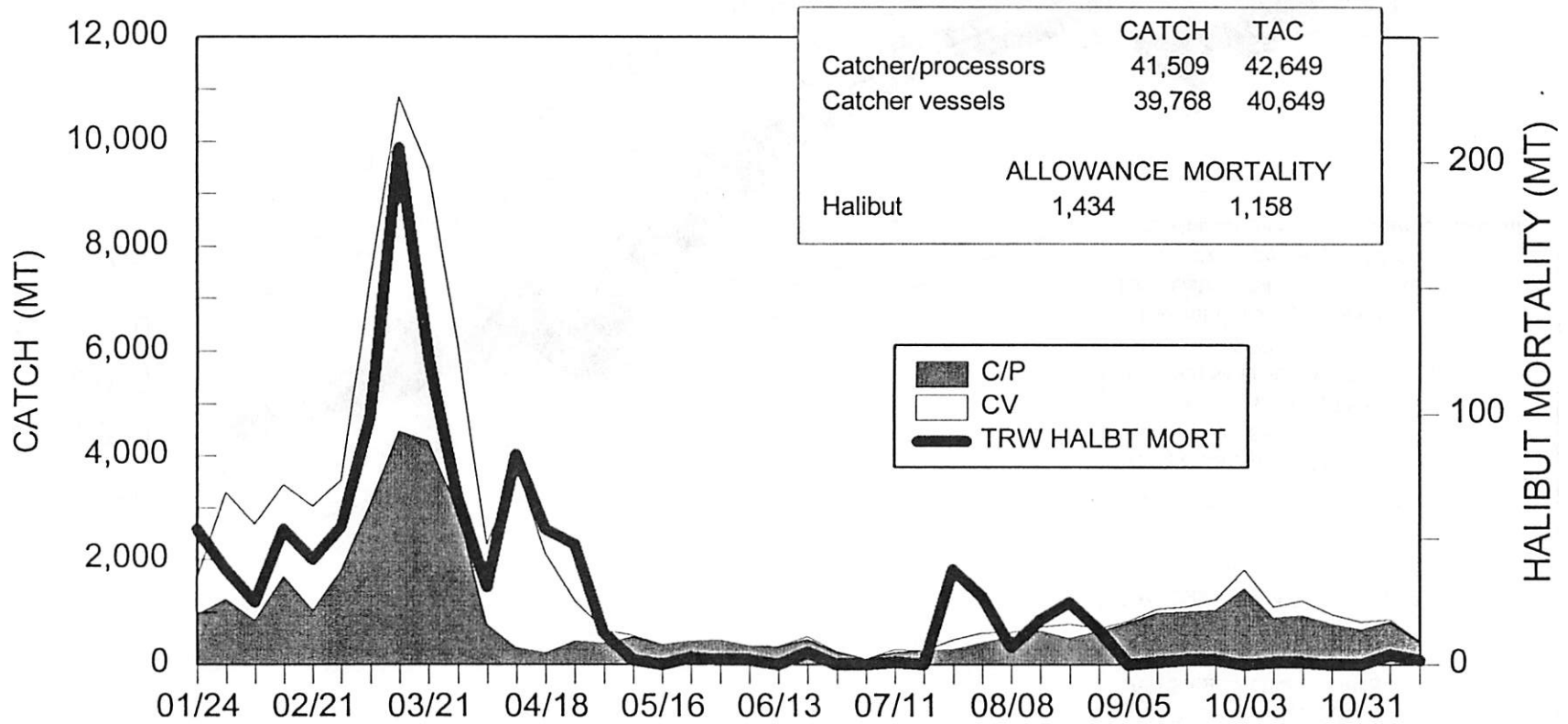


\*Not including CDQ  
(through 11/21/98)

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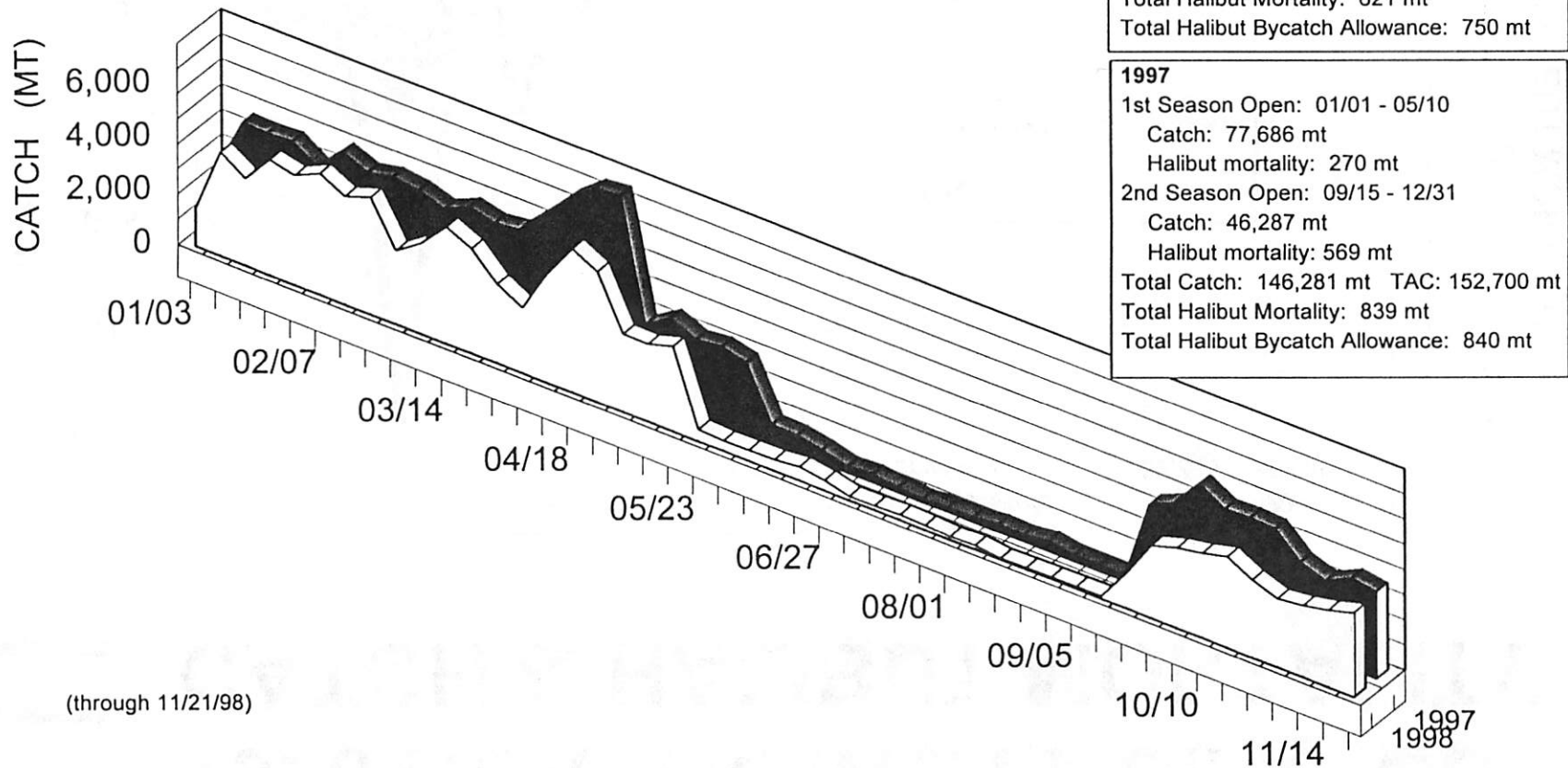


# 1998 BSAI TRAWL PACIFIC COD CATCH & HALIBUT MORTALITY



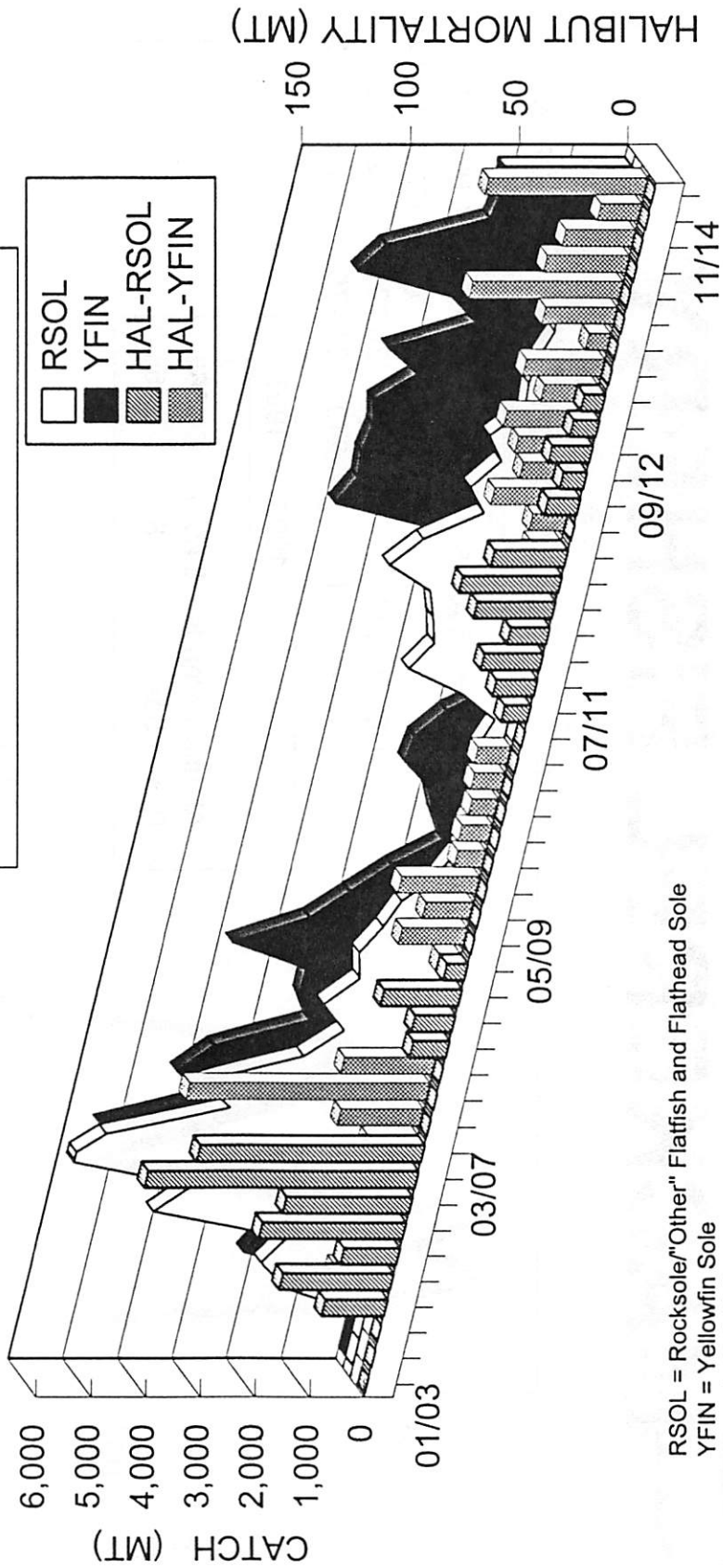
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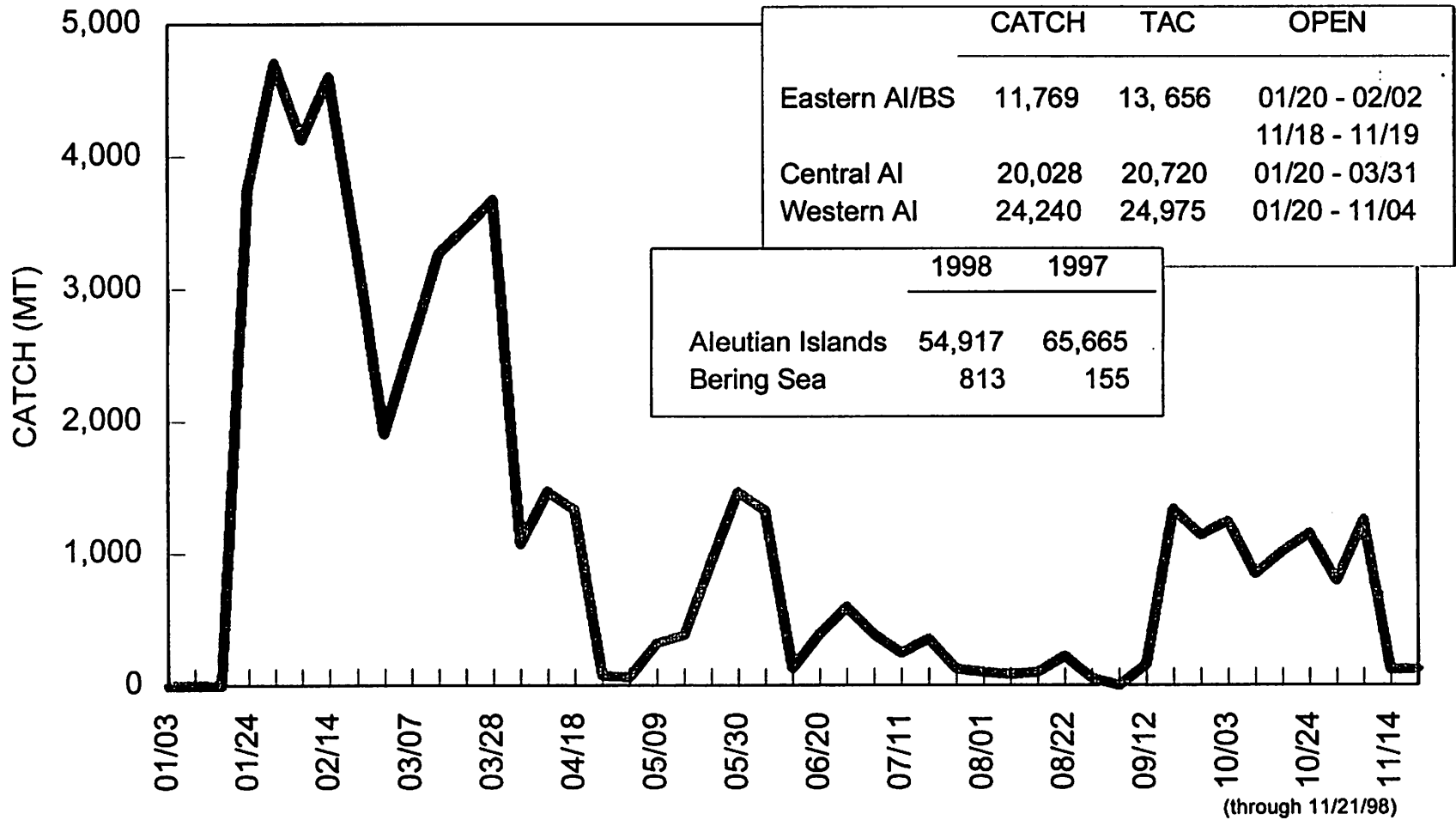
# 1998 BSAI FLATFISH CATCH, ALL GEAR

		HALIBUT	
	CATCH	MORTALITY	ALLOWANCE
RSOL*	75,272	821	735
YFIN	99,615	966	930



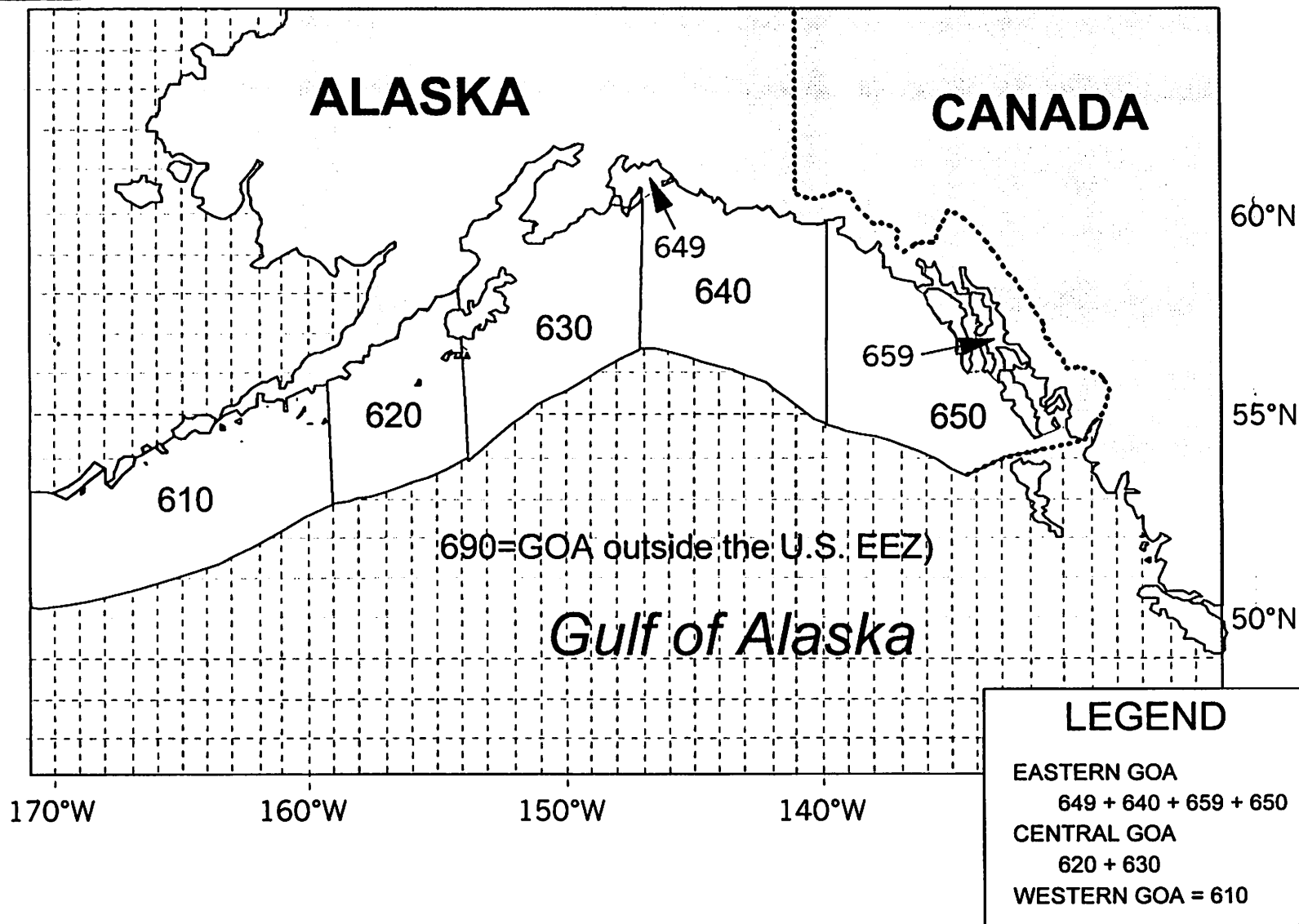
RSOL = Rocksole/"Other" Flatfish and Flathead Sole  
 YFIN = Yellowfin Sole  
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# 1998 BSAI ATKA MACKEREL FISHERY

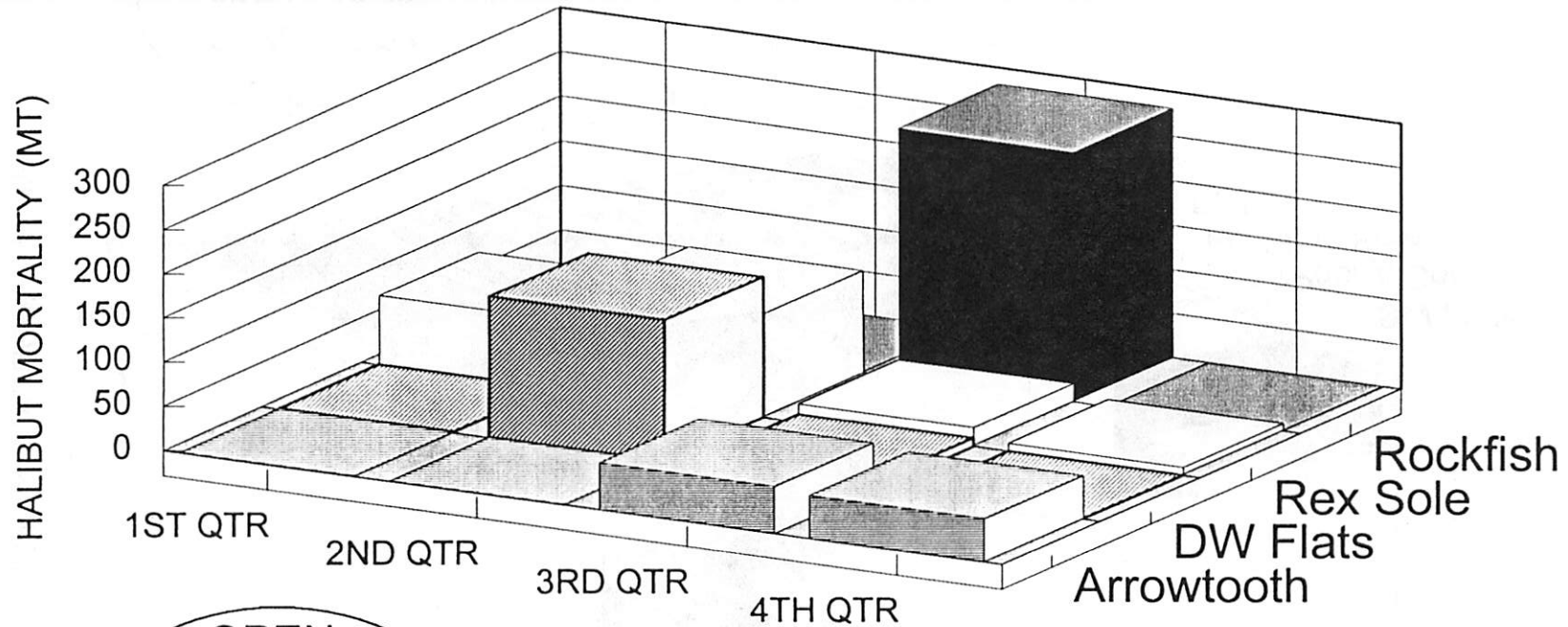




# GULF OF ALASKA REPORTING AREAS



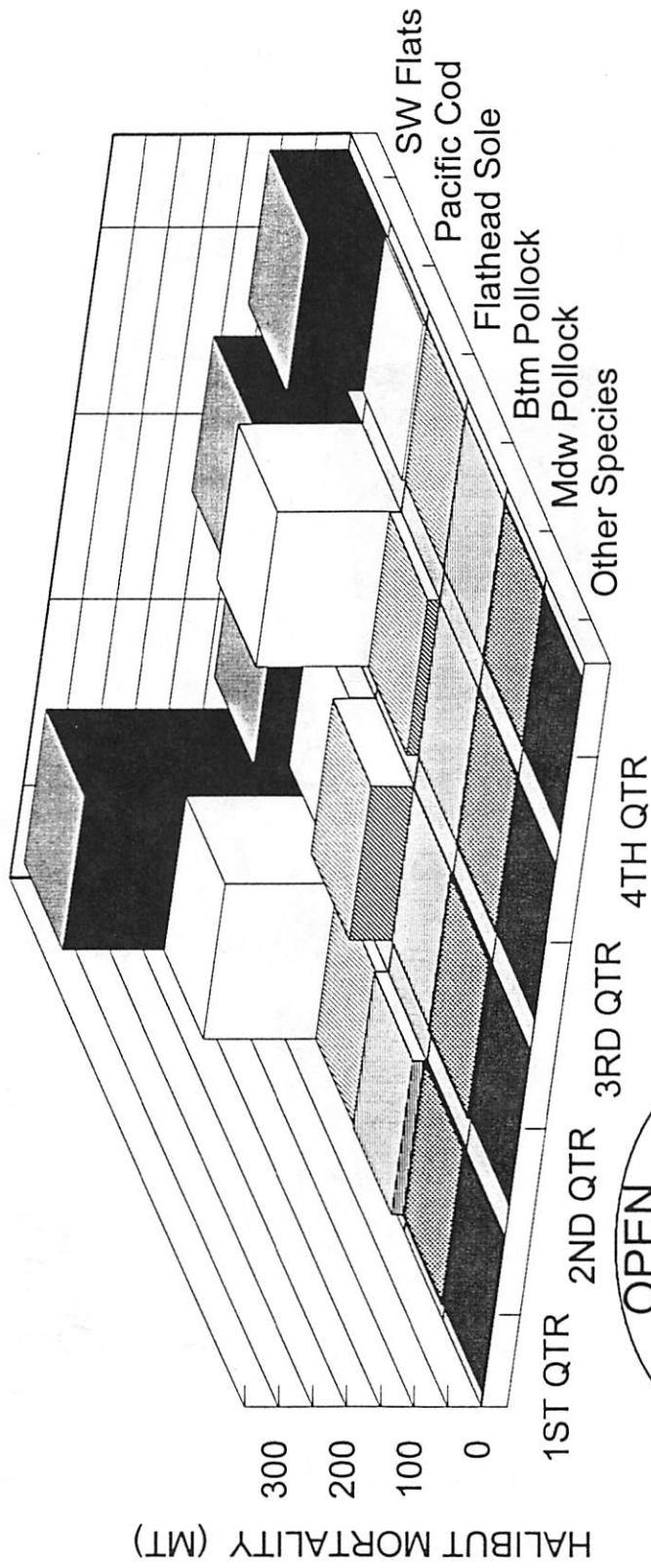
# 1998 GOA TRAWL DEEP WATER COMPLEX, HALIBUT MORTALITY BY TARGET FISHERY



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 10/01 - 10/09

(through 11/21/98)

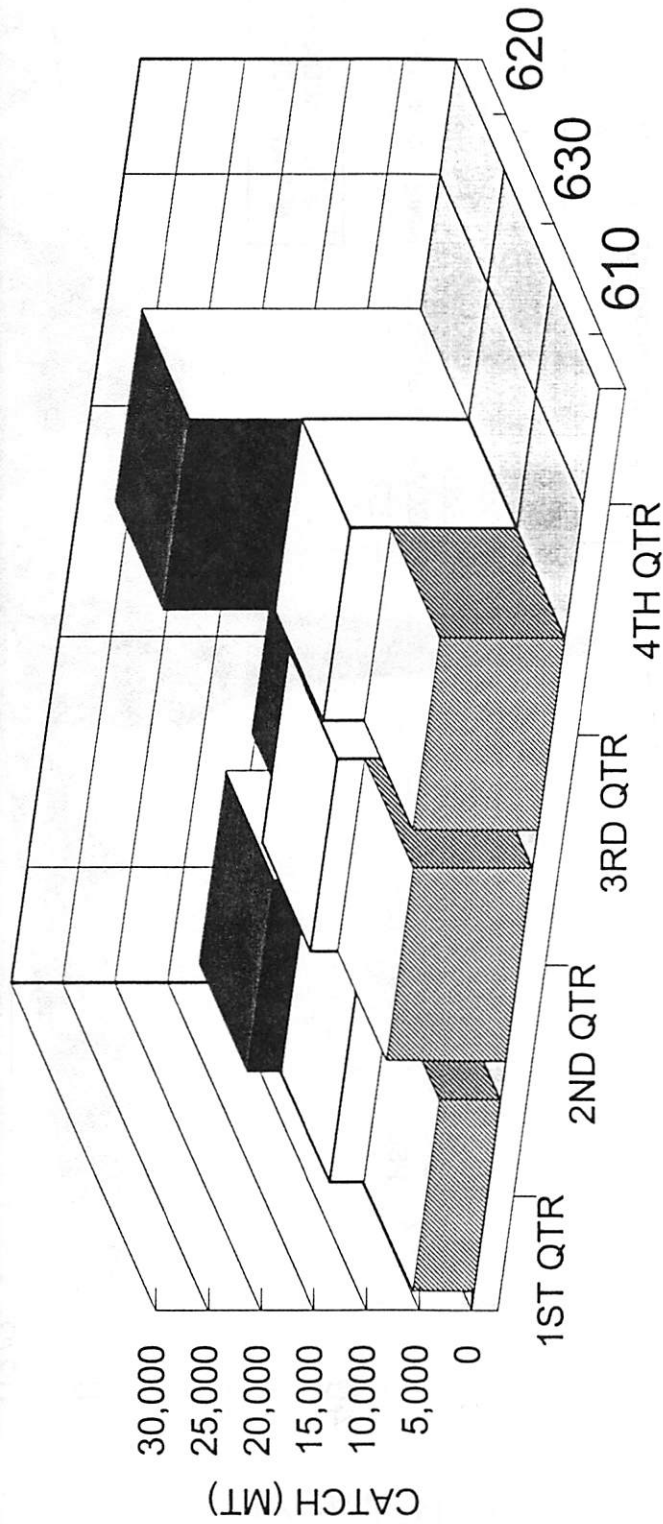
# 1998 GOA TRAWL SHALLOW WATER COMPLEX, HALIBUT MORTALITY BY TARGET FISHERY



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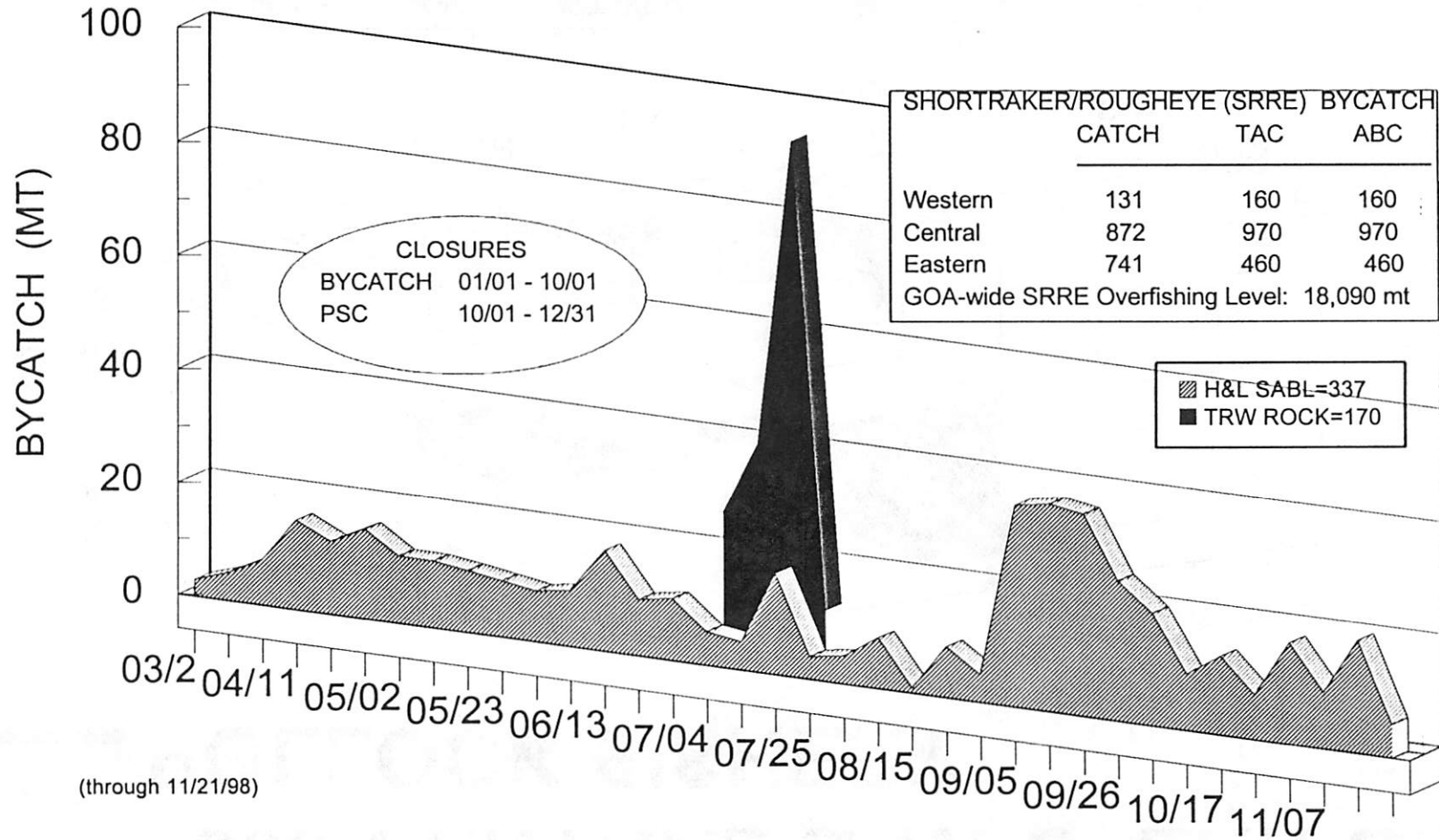
# 1998 CENTRAL & WESTERN GOA POLLOCK FISHERY



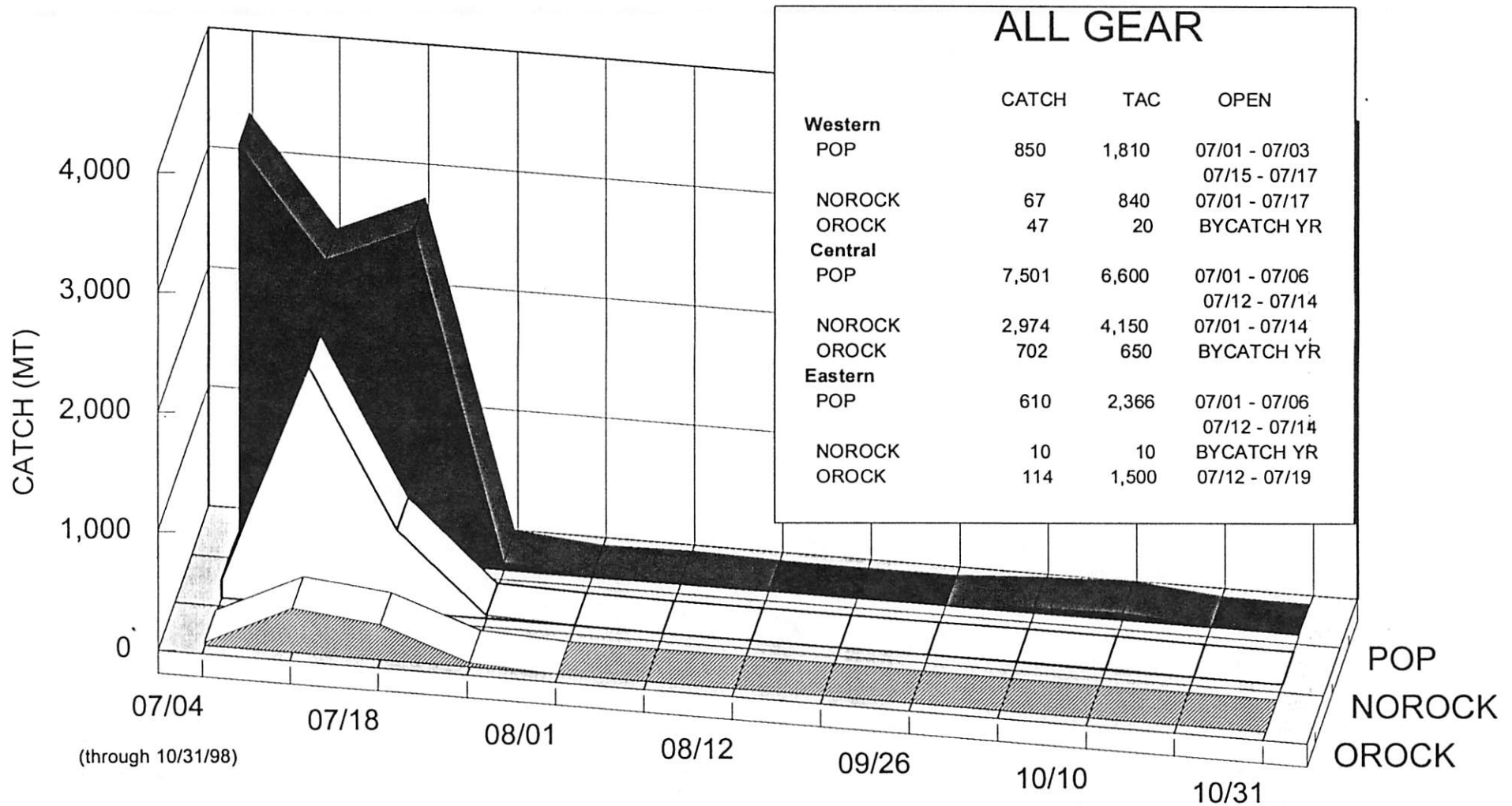
CATCH	TAC	% TAKEN
610	29,790	98
620	50,045	98
630	39,315	99

(through 11/21/98)

# 1998 EASTERN GOA SRRE BYCATCH IN H&L SABLEFISH & TRW ROCKFISH TARGETS



# 1998 GOA 3RD & 4TH QTR TRAWL ROCKFISH CATCH



FMP AMENDMENT	ACTION	STATUS
BSA 51/GOA 51	Inshore/Offshore III	Comment period on proposed rule ends 12/14/98 (63 FR 46993). Approval/disapproval date for the FMP amendment 12/16/98.
BSA 45	Pollock CDQ reauthorization; emergency rule to implement AFA provisions for pollock CDQ	Final rule being prepared in Region
BSA 59/GOA 57/Crab 9	1-year Extension of Moratorium	Comment period on proposed rule ends 12/14/98 (63 FR 63442). Approval/disapproval date for the FMP amendment 12/17/98.
BSA/GOA/KTC/SCAL 55/55/8/5	EFH Descriptions	Notice of availability published 10/22/98 (63 FR 56601). Comment period through 12/21/98.
BSA 56/GOA 56	Groundfish Overfishing Definitions	Notice of availability published 10/26/98 (63 FR 57094). Comment period through 12/28/98.
KTC/SCAL/ 7/6/7	Overfishing Definitions for crab and scallops	Notice of availability published 12/1/98 (63 FR 66112). Comment period through 2/1/99.
High Seas Salmon 7	Overfishing definition for salmon	Analysis being prepared in Region
BSA 48/GOA 48	TAC Streamlining	Proposed rule in Regional review *
BSA 52/GOA 52	Vessel registration <i>by B. Reason hoping</i>	Proposed rule being prepared in Region *
BSA 57	Prohibit fishing for pollock with bottom trawl gear	Proposed rule being prepared in Region *
GOA 59	Cape Edgecombe Pinnacles closure ✓	Proposed rule being prepared in Region *
BSA /GOA ?	N. Pac. Sablefish IFQ Loan Program.	Proposed rule being prepared in Region *

\* delays due lack of resources

REGULATORY AMENDMENTS/Notices	STATUS
Revision of 1999 recordkeeping and reporting requirements <i>Jan '98</i>	Proposed rule in NMFS Headquarters review
Extension of interim observer program through 2000	Final rule in DOC review
Establish minimum percentage of vessel ownership for non-corporate entities to use hired skippers in the IFQ fisheries	Proposed rule in DOC review
Atka mackerel fishery restrictions to address Steller sea lion concerns <i>Jan 98 wh. fisheries</i>	Proposed rule published 11/9/98 (63 FR 60288); comment period ends 12/9/98
Regulations for halibut CDQ fisheries after 1998	Proposed rule in NMFS Headquarters review
Proposed and interim groundfish specifications for 1999	Under review in Region;
Emergency rule to implement AFA observer coverage and inseason mgt authority	Under review in Region
IFQ Omnibus III regulatory changes	Under review in Region
Sitka area halibut management plan	Under review in Region
IFQ/CDQ fee collection program	Under review in Region
Technical amendments to at-sea scale and observer sampling stations requirements.	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
Establish application period under LLP	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
Notice to solicit applications for eligibility in directed BSAI pollock fishery under the AFA	Published 12/1/98 (63 FR 66123)
North Pacific Halibut IFQ Loan Prog.	Proposed rule being prepared in Reg. Office



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CATCHER/PROCESSORS THAT HARVEST POLLOCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
QUOTA MUST WEIGH CATCH IN ALL GROUND FISH FISHERIES IN 1999

Section 211(b)(6) of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) requires the catcher/processors eligible to harvest the directed fishing allowance for pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area and listed under section 208(e)(1) through (20) of the AFA to weigh all catch on a scale approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) when harvesting, receiving or processing any groundfish in Federal waters off Alaska.

For those catcher/processors that will harvest pollock Community Development Quota in 1999, this requirement takes effect on January 1, 1999. For catcher/processors that will not harvest pollock Community Development Quota in 1999, this provision takes effect on January 1, 2000. Catcher/processors that do not weigh all catch on an approved scale starting January 1, 1999, may not harvest pollock CDQ at any time in 1999.

Scales for weighing catch must be inspected and approved by NMFS. A list of approved scales and a request for a scale inspection may be obtained on the Internet at [http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/cdq/scales.htm#Link\\_3](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/cdq/scales.htm#Link_3) or by calling Alan Kinsolving, NMFS, 907-586-7237.

For further information contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division, NMFS, 907-586-7228.