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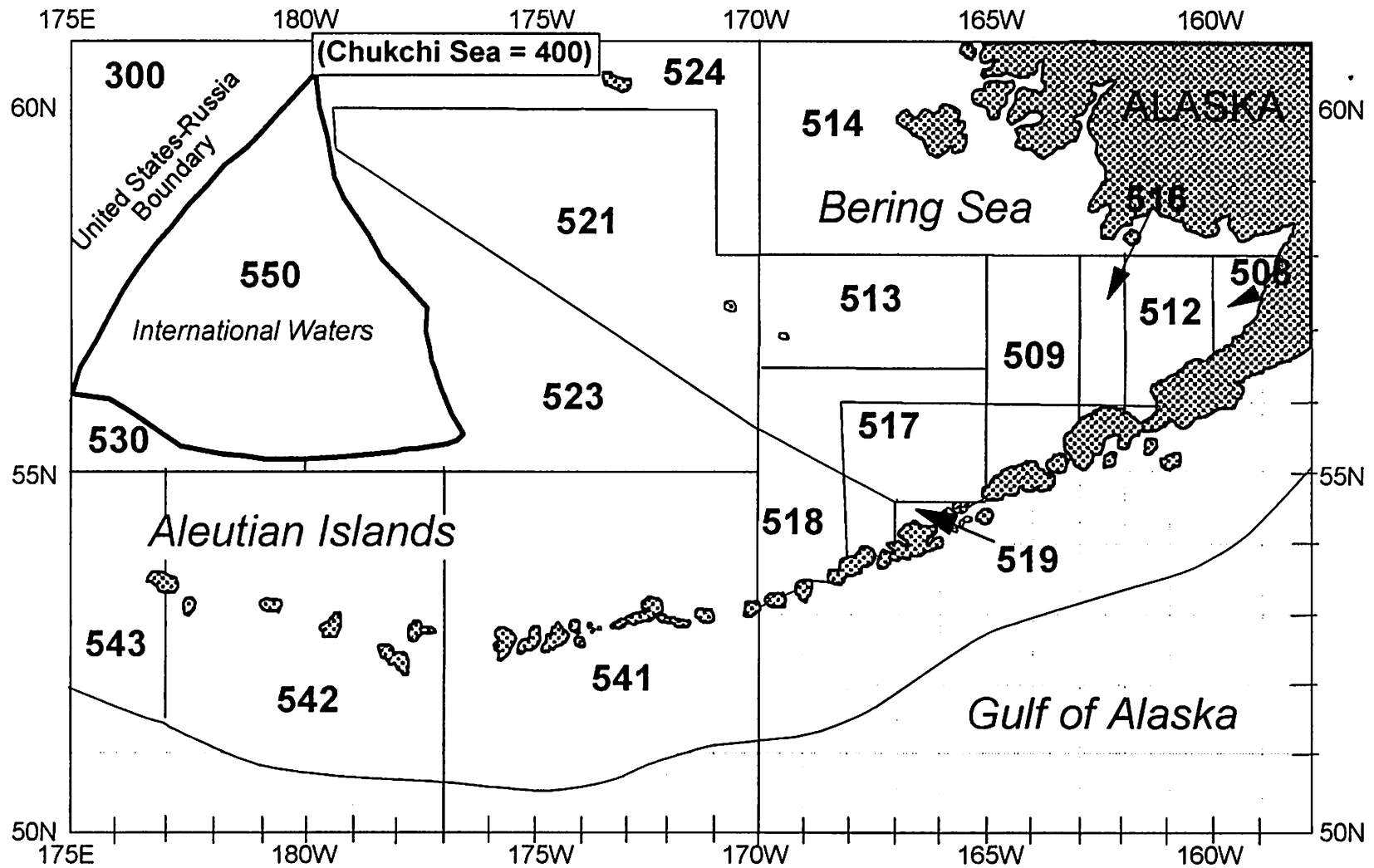


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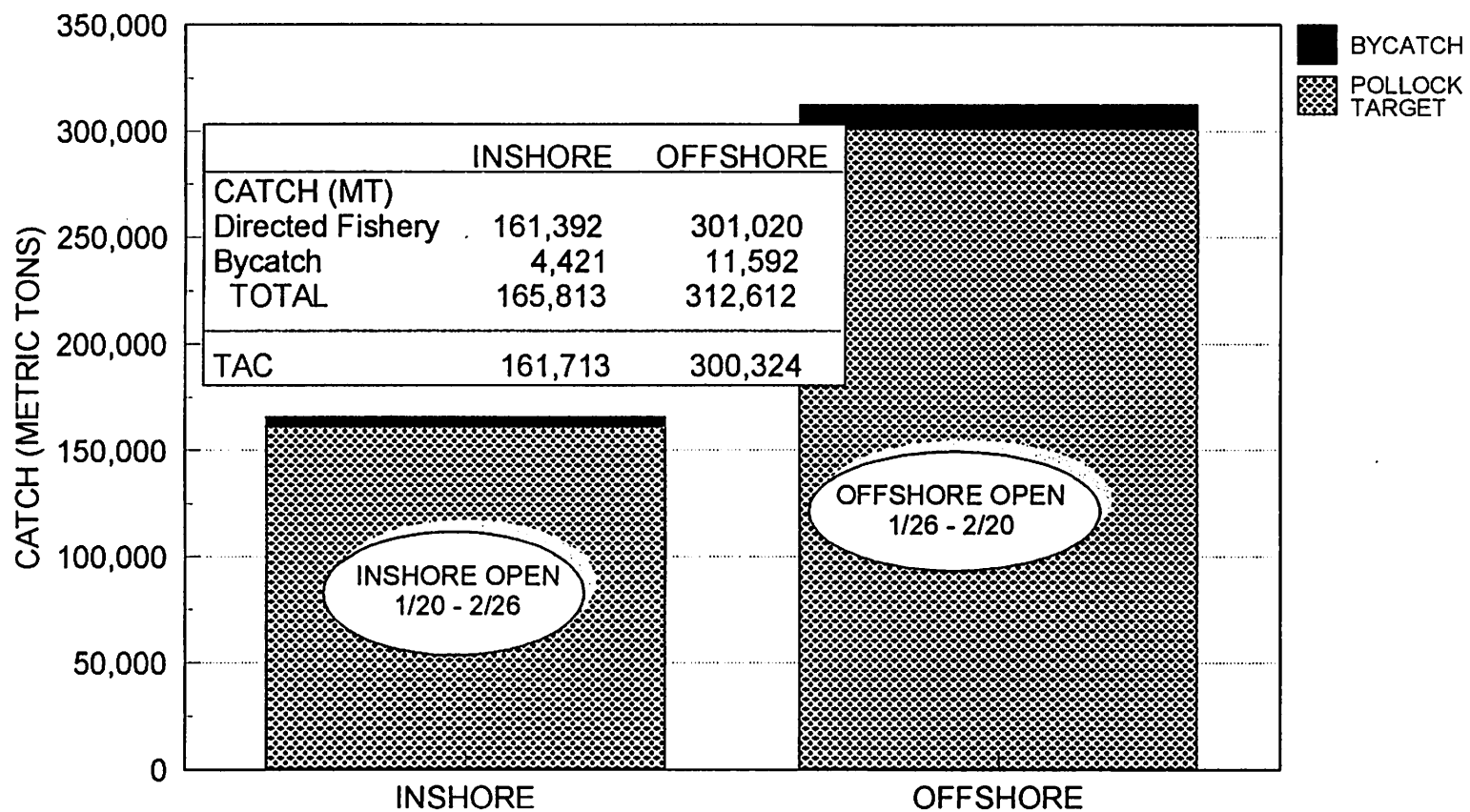
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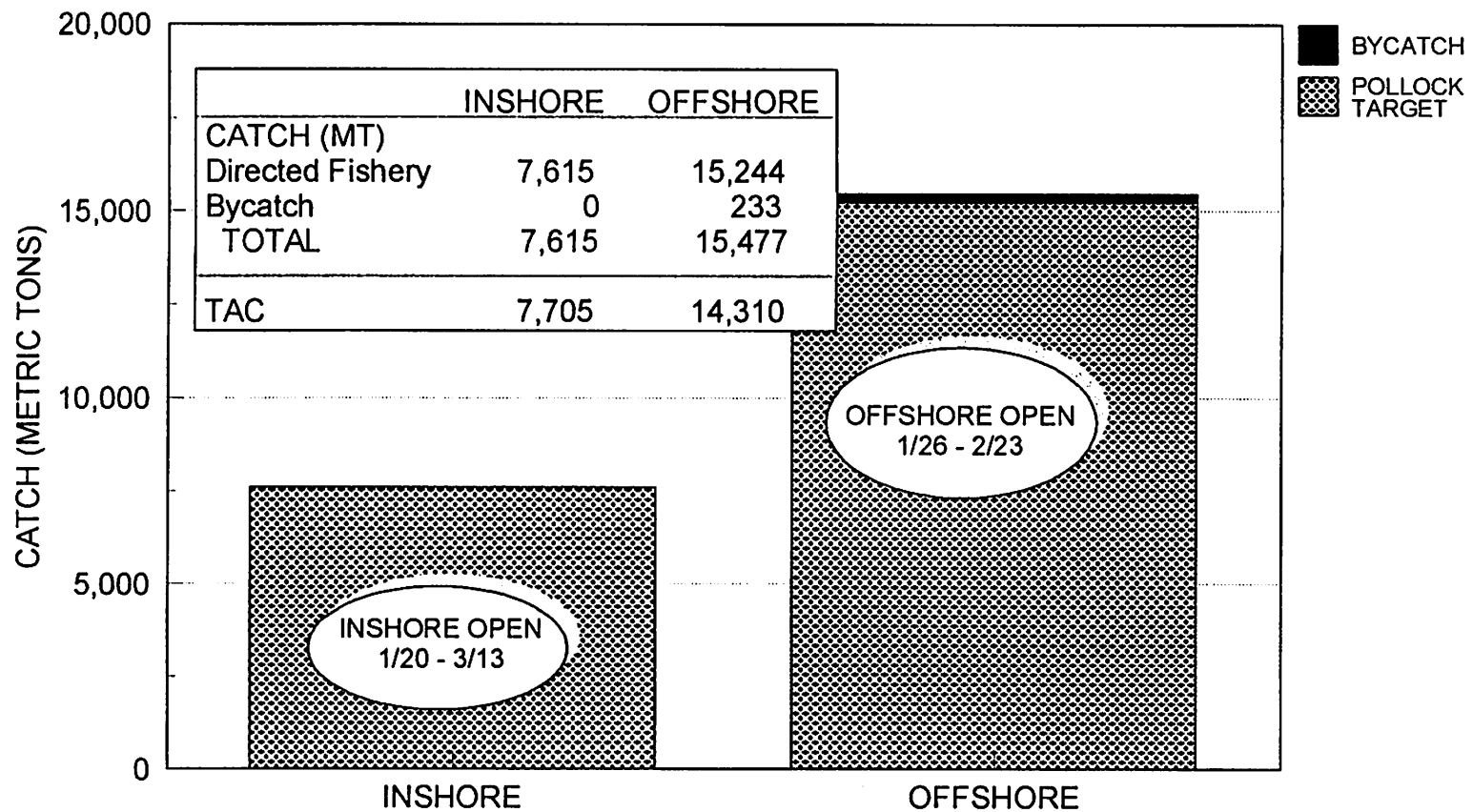


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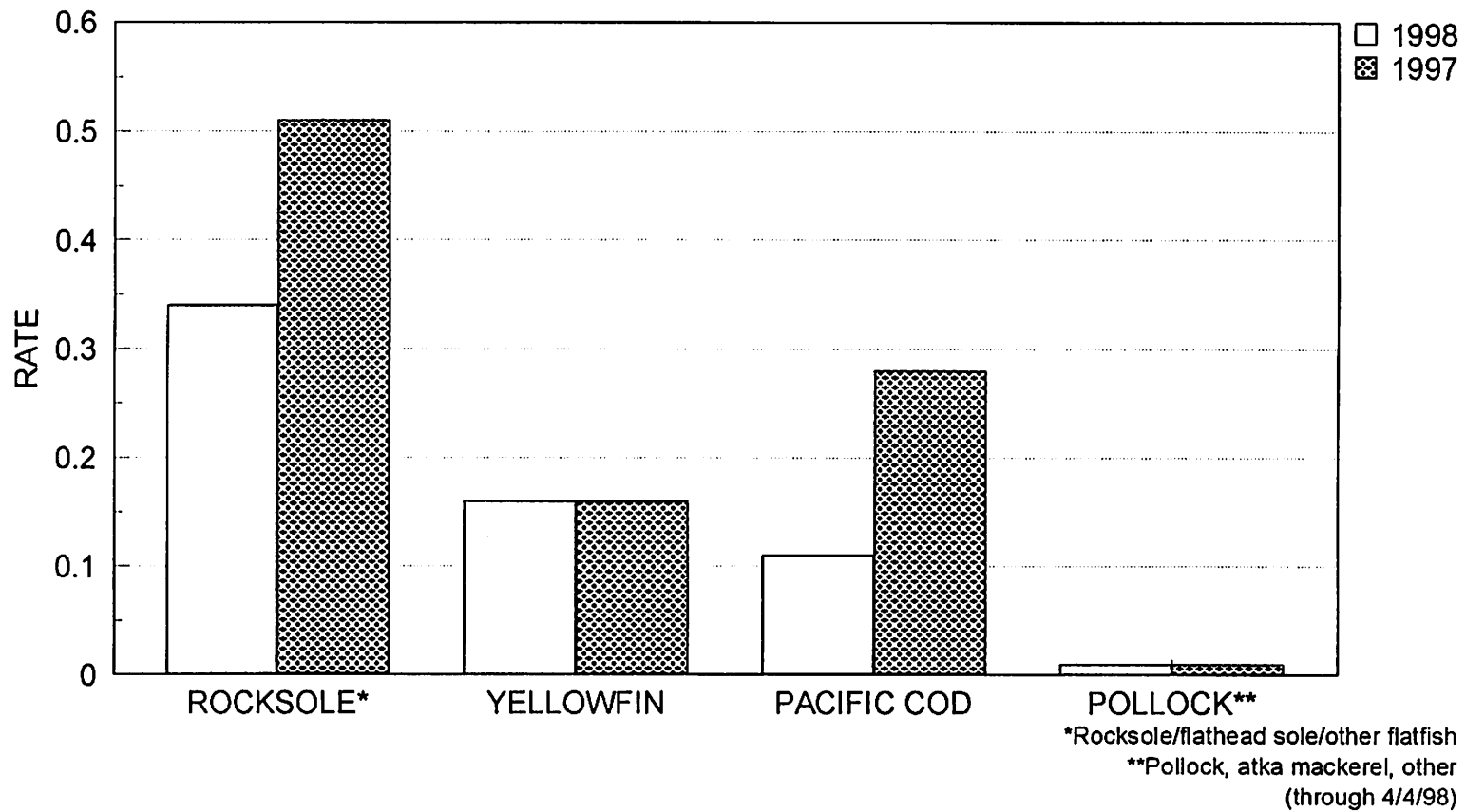
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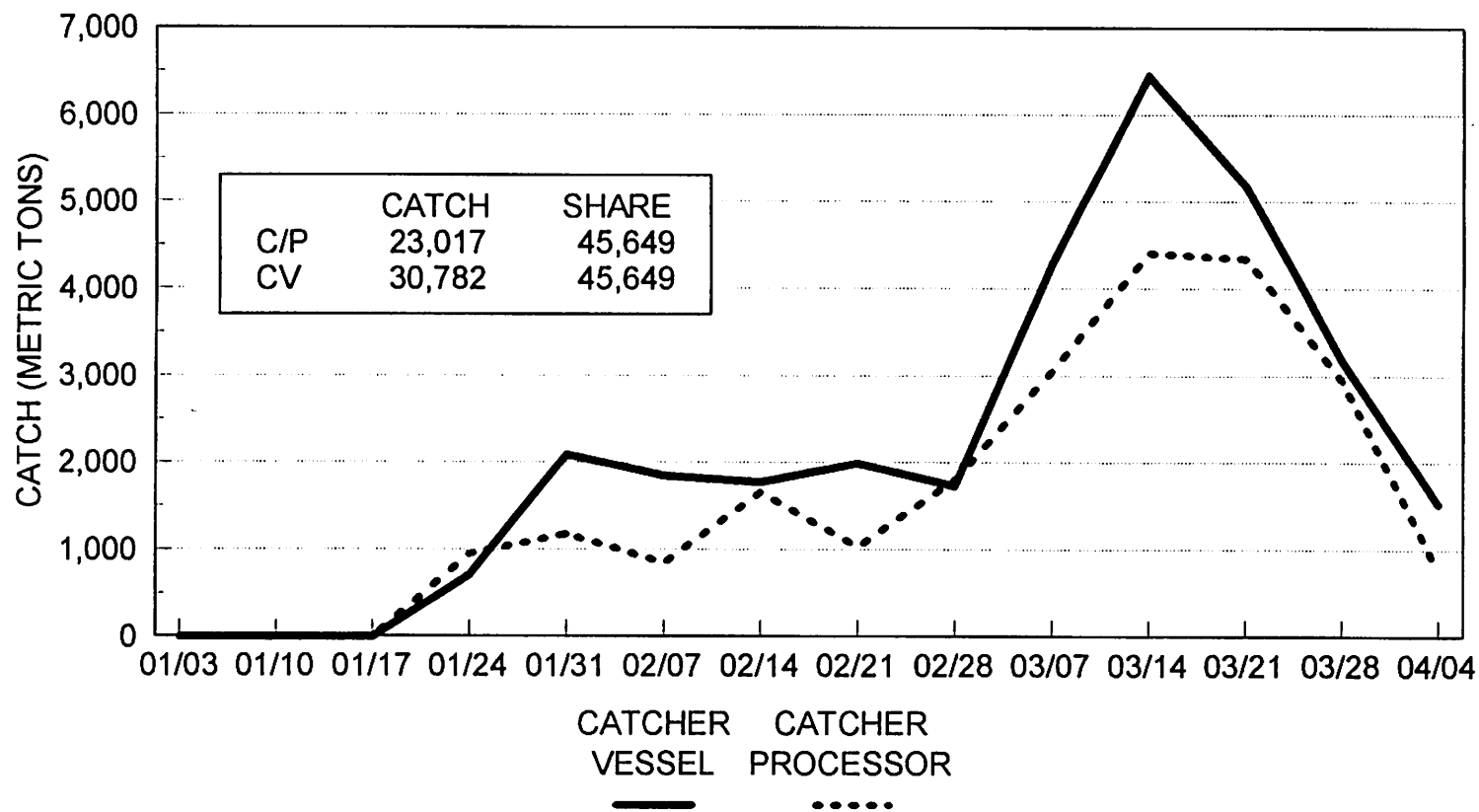


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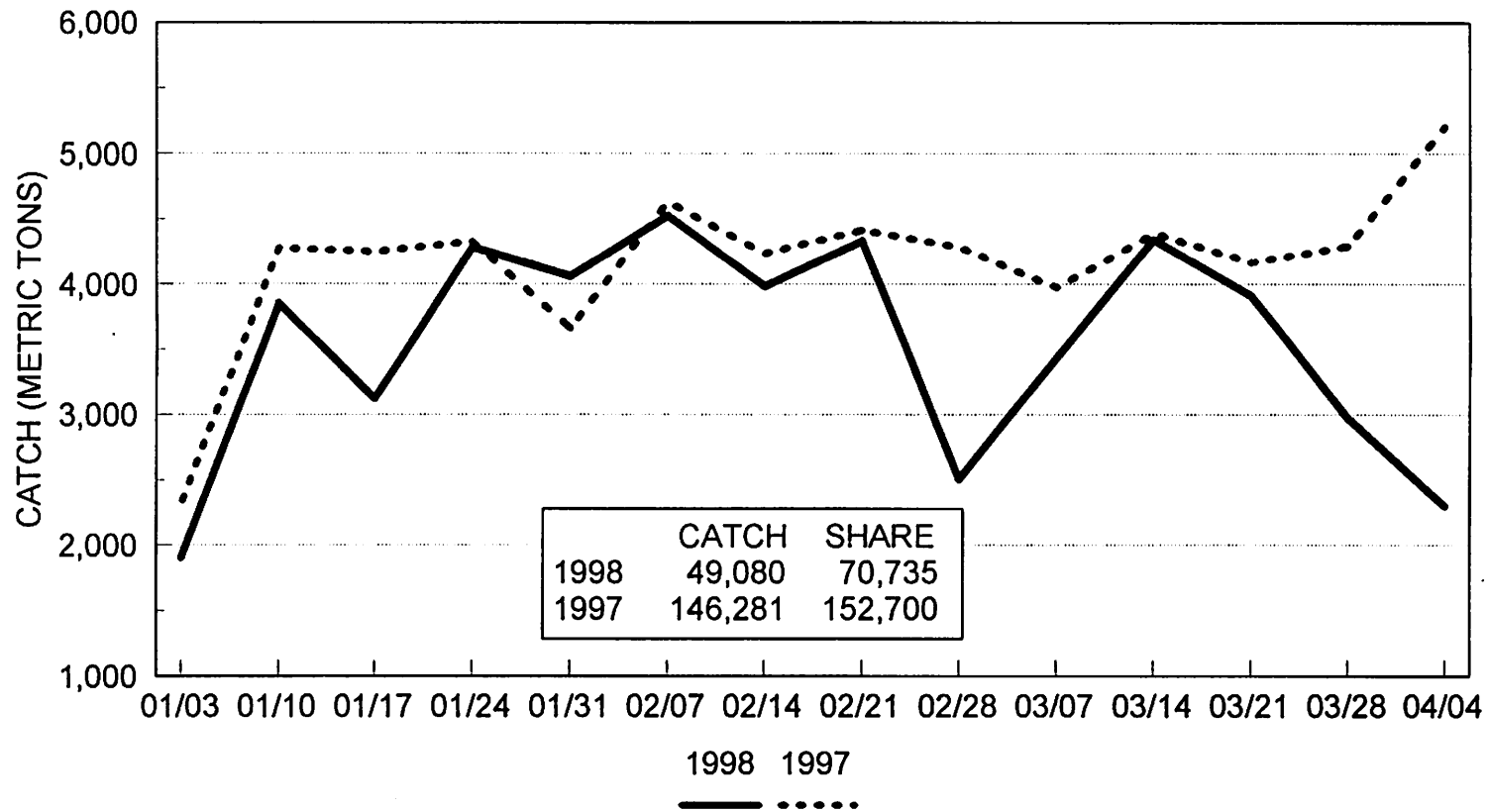


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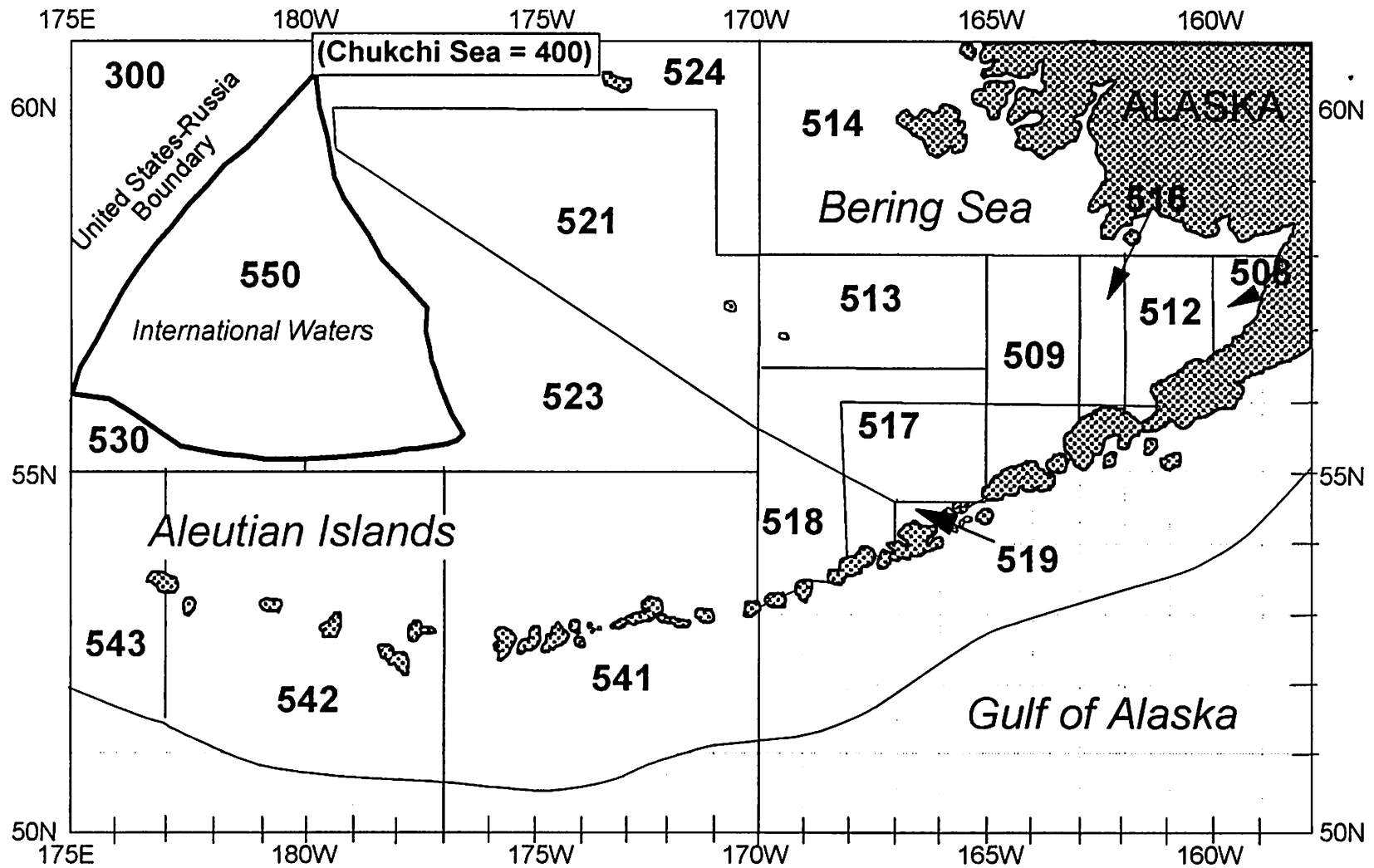


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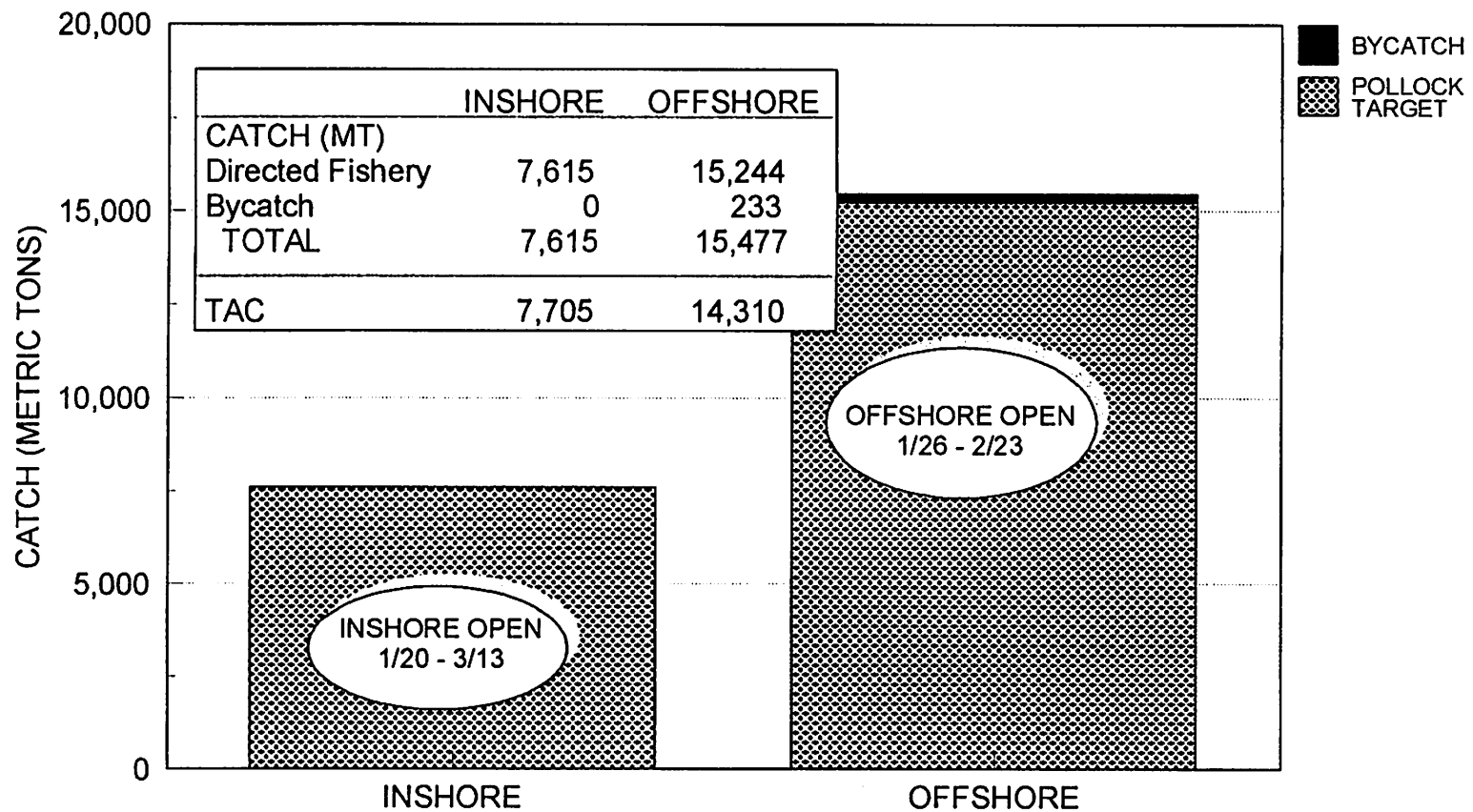
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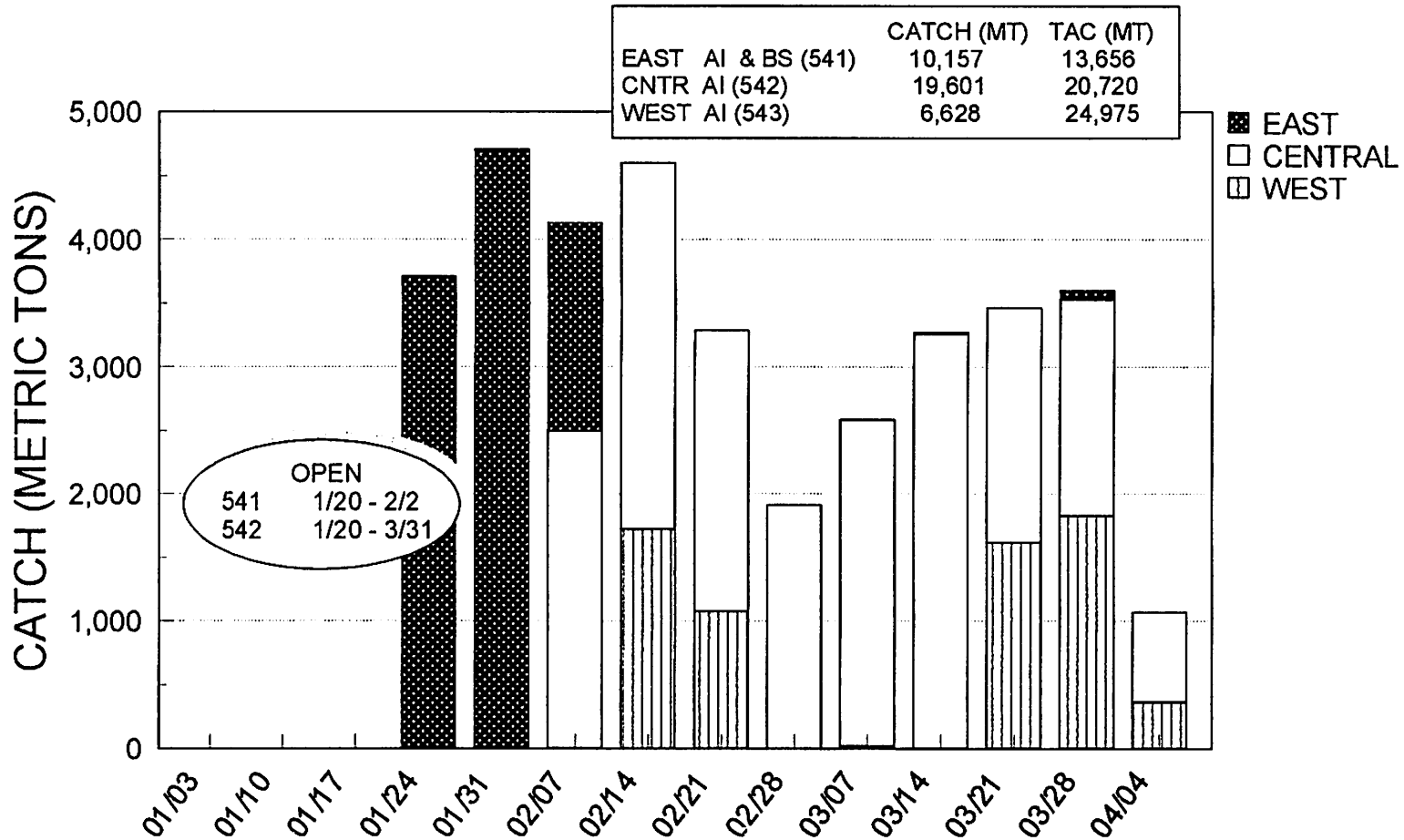


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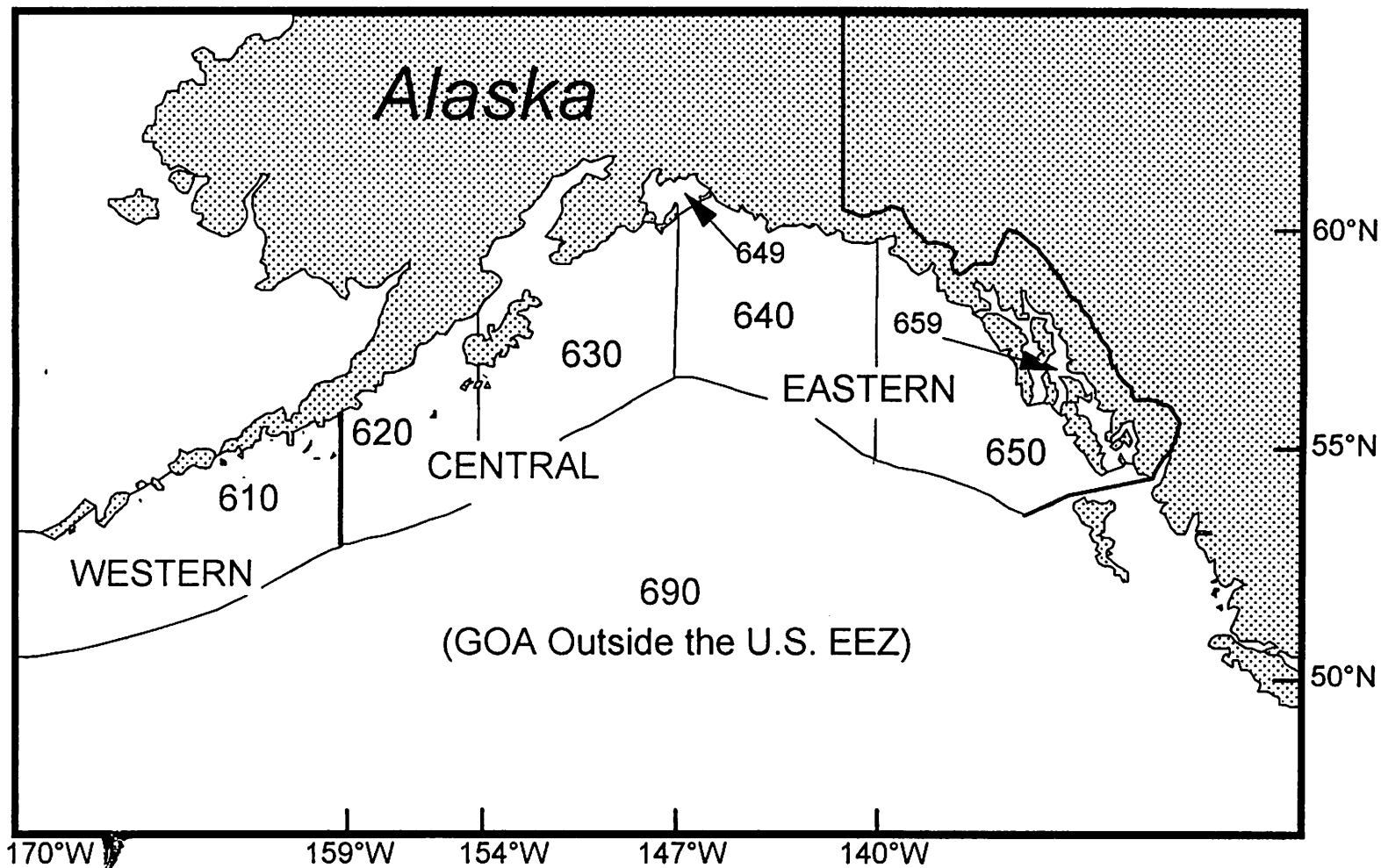
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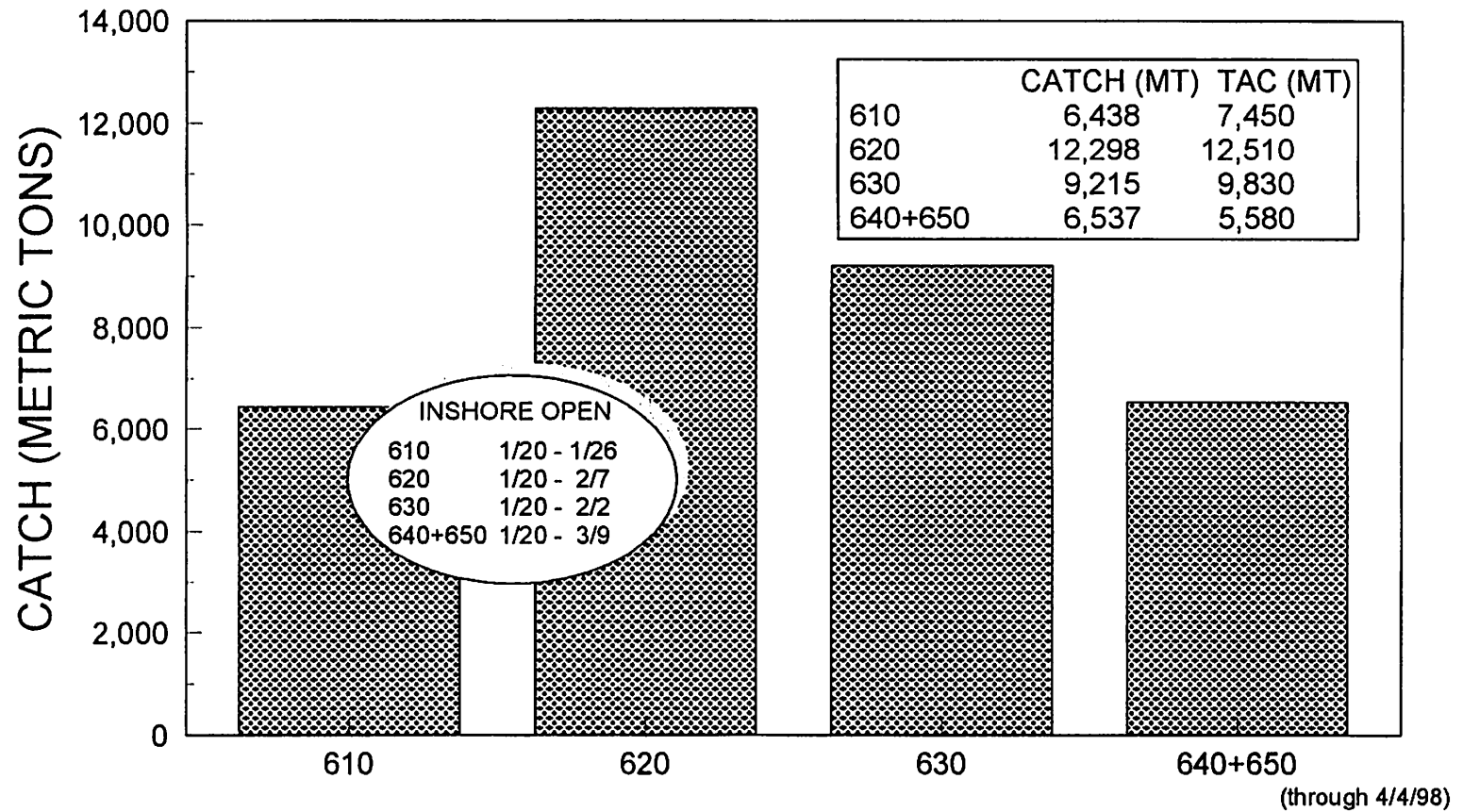
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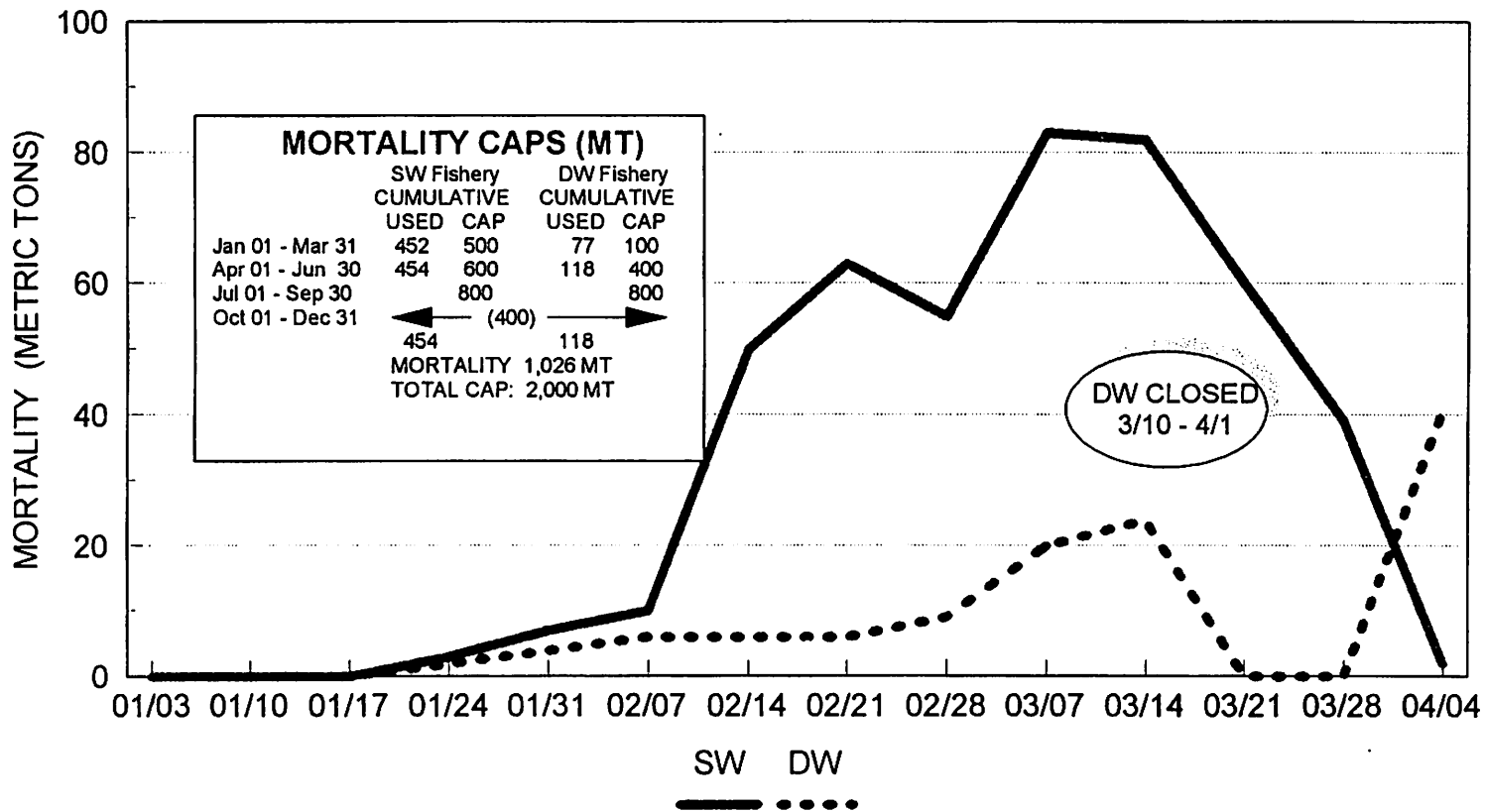


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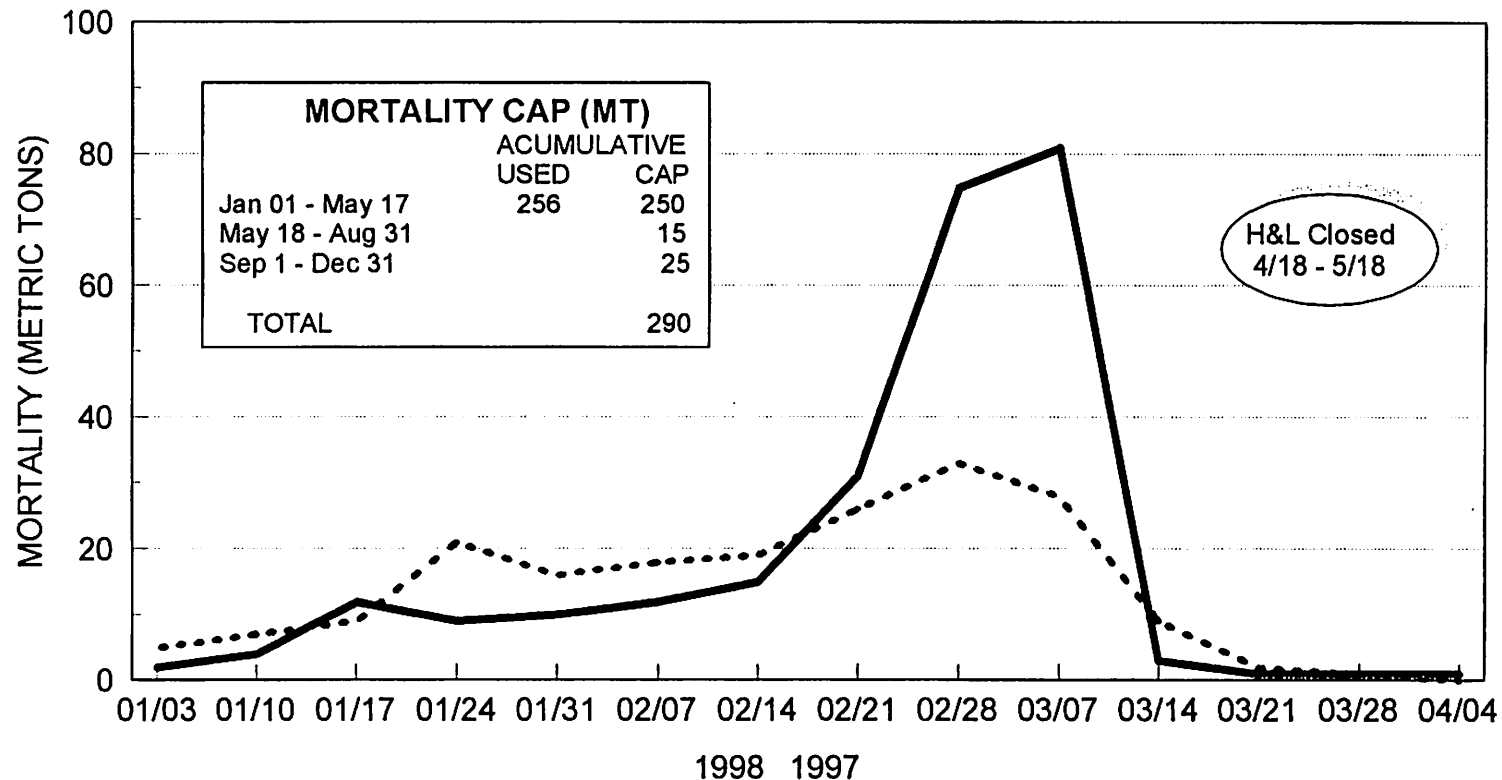


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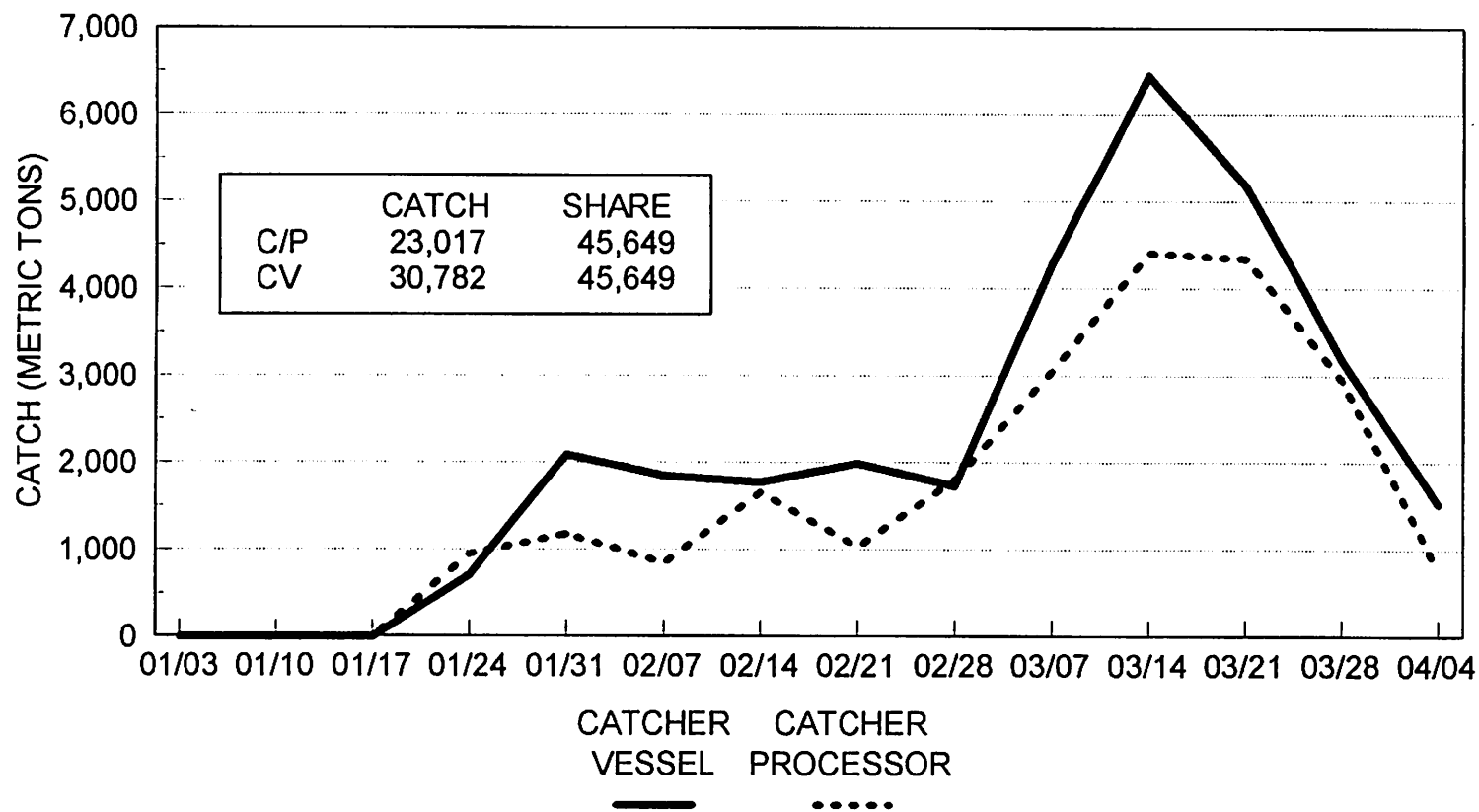


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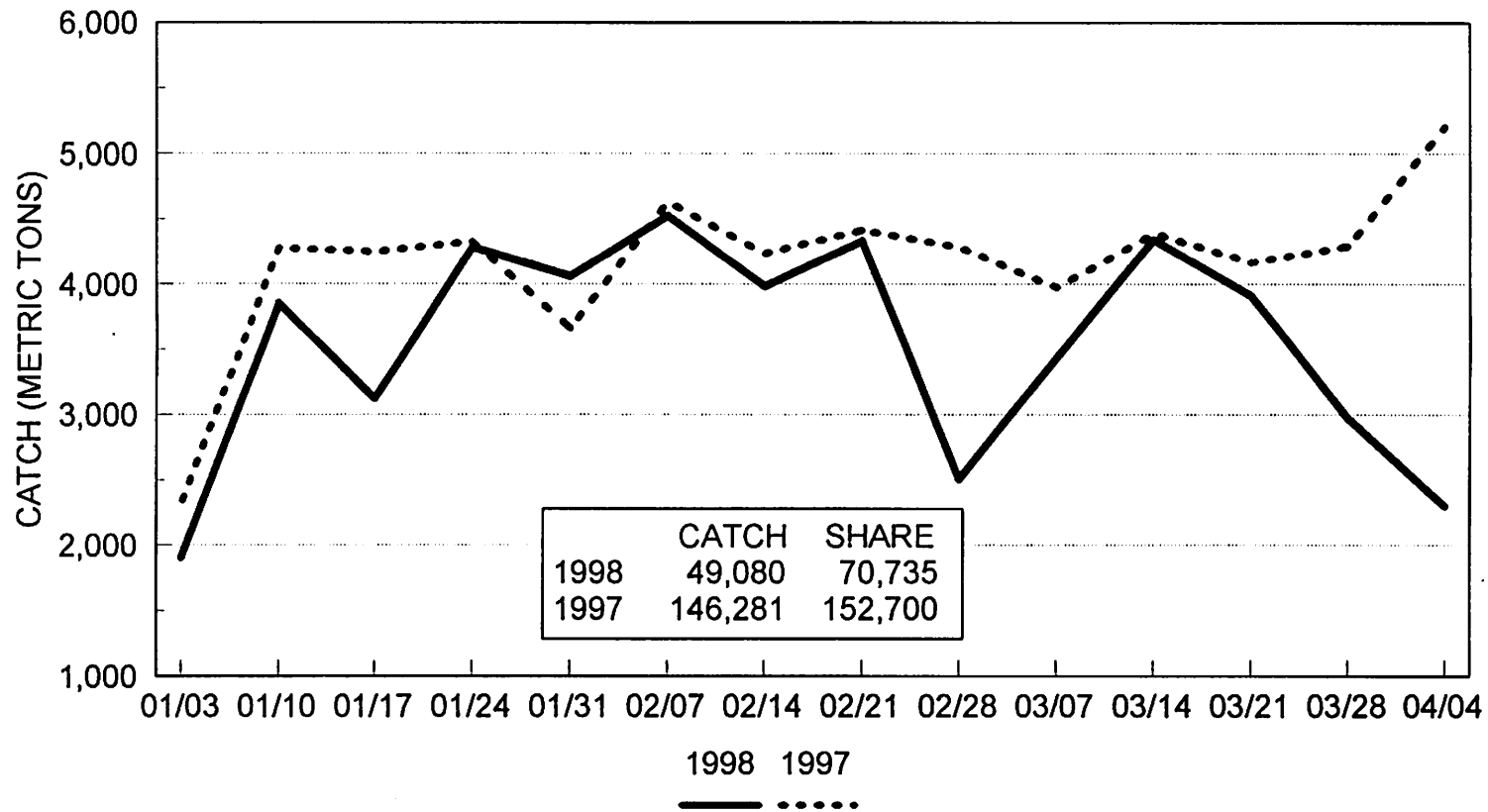
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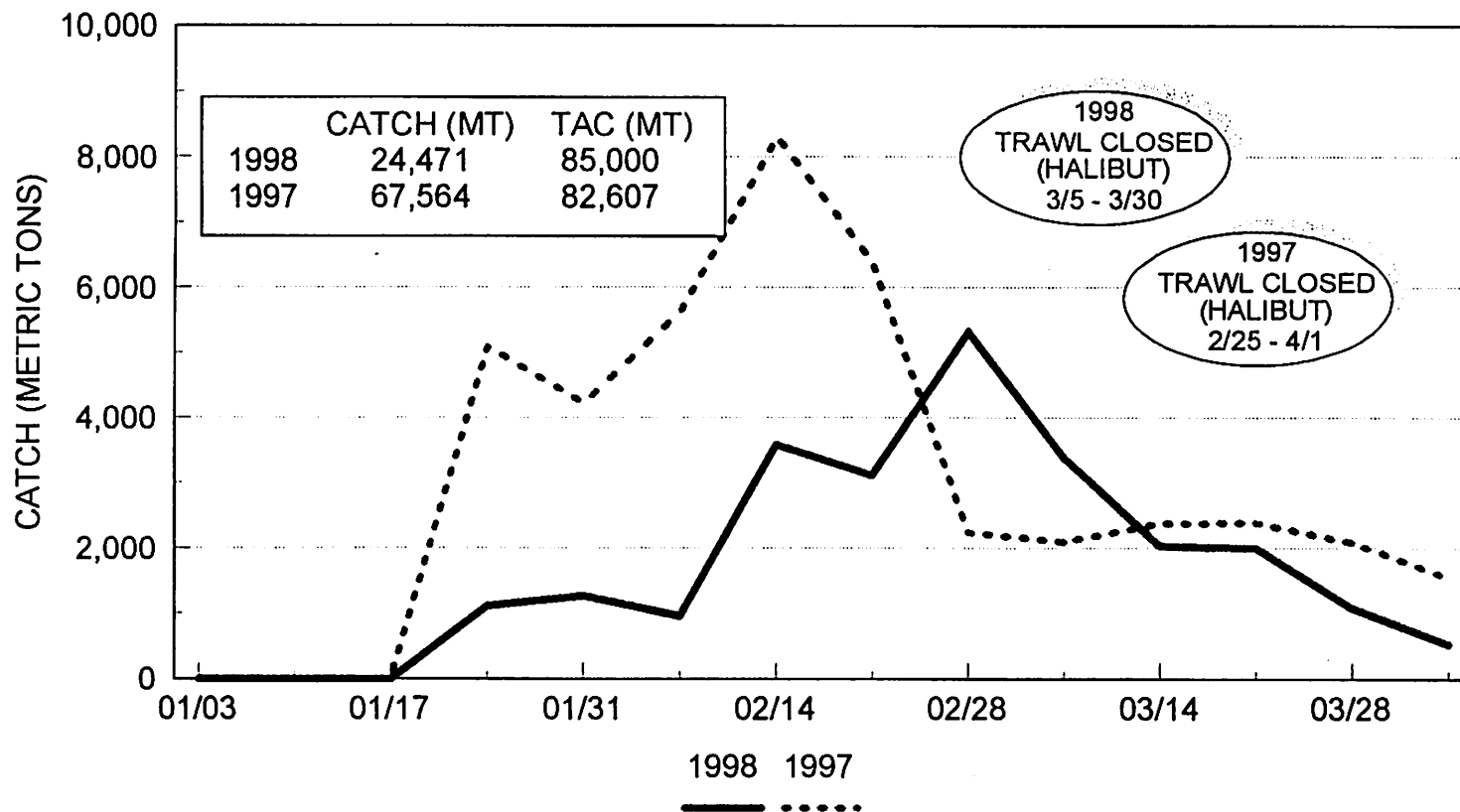
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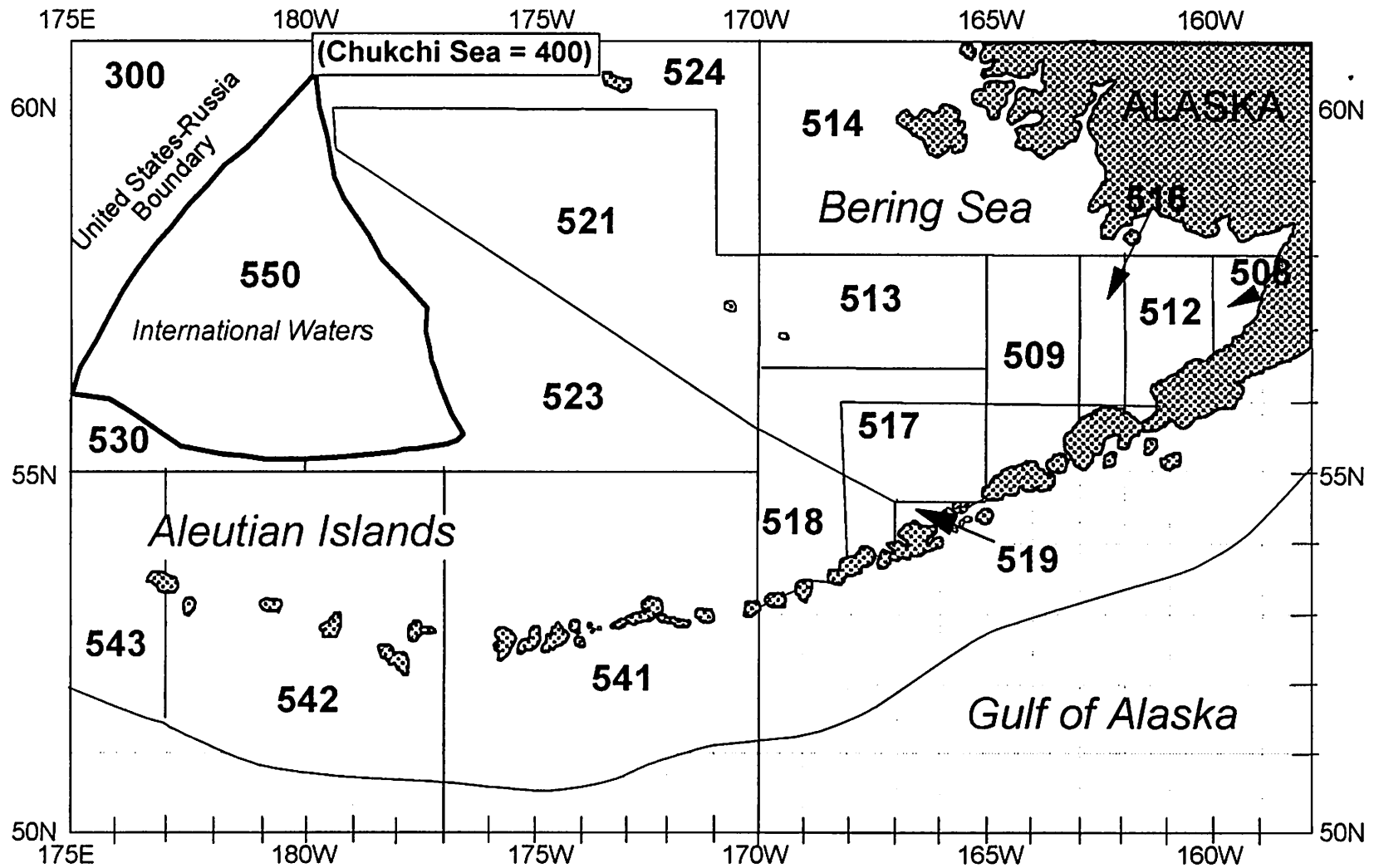


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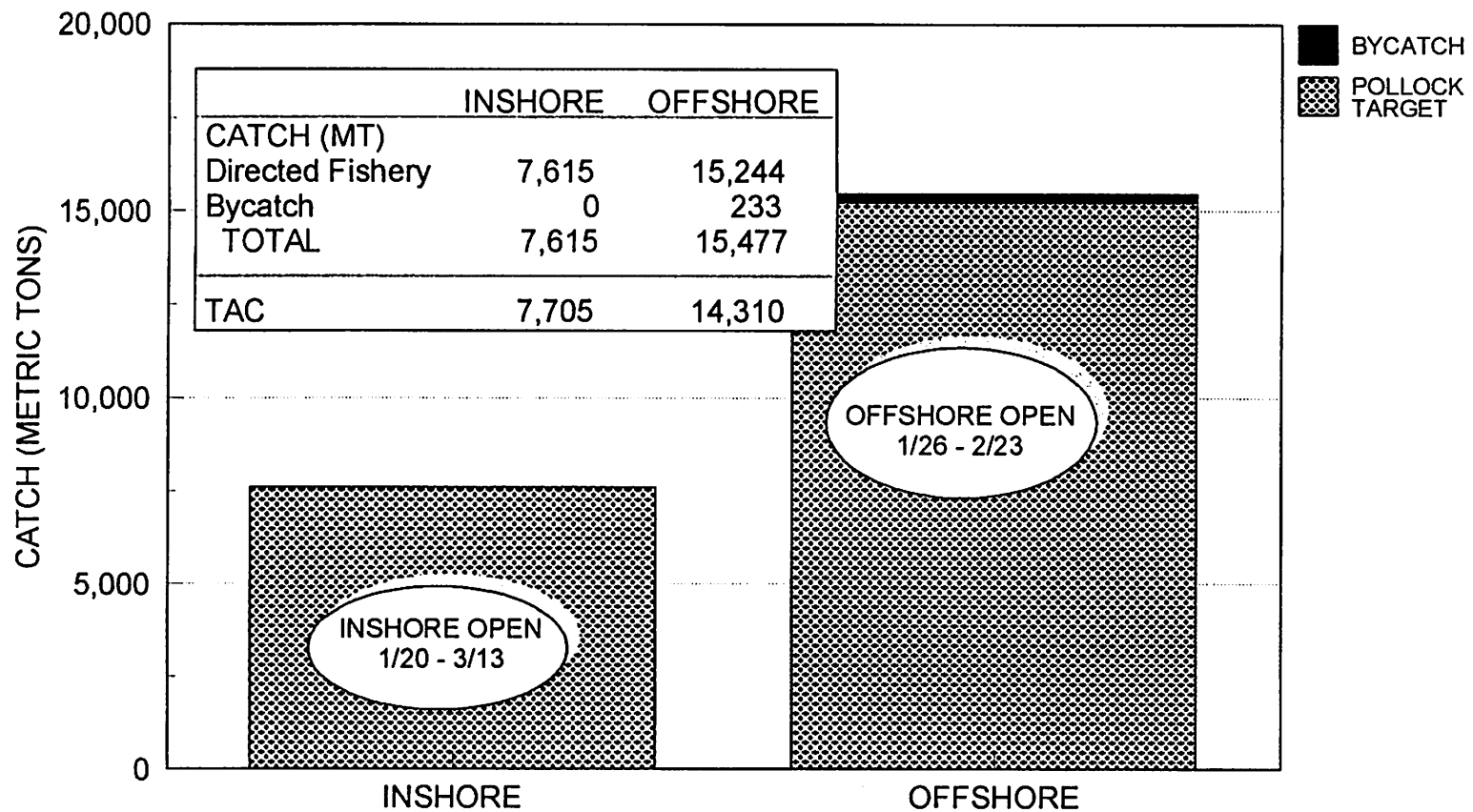
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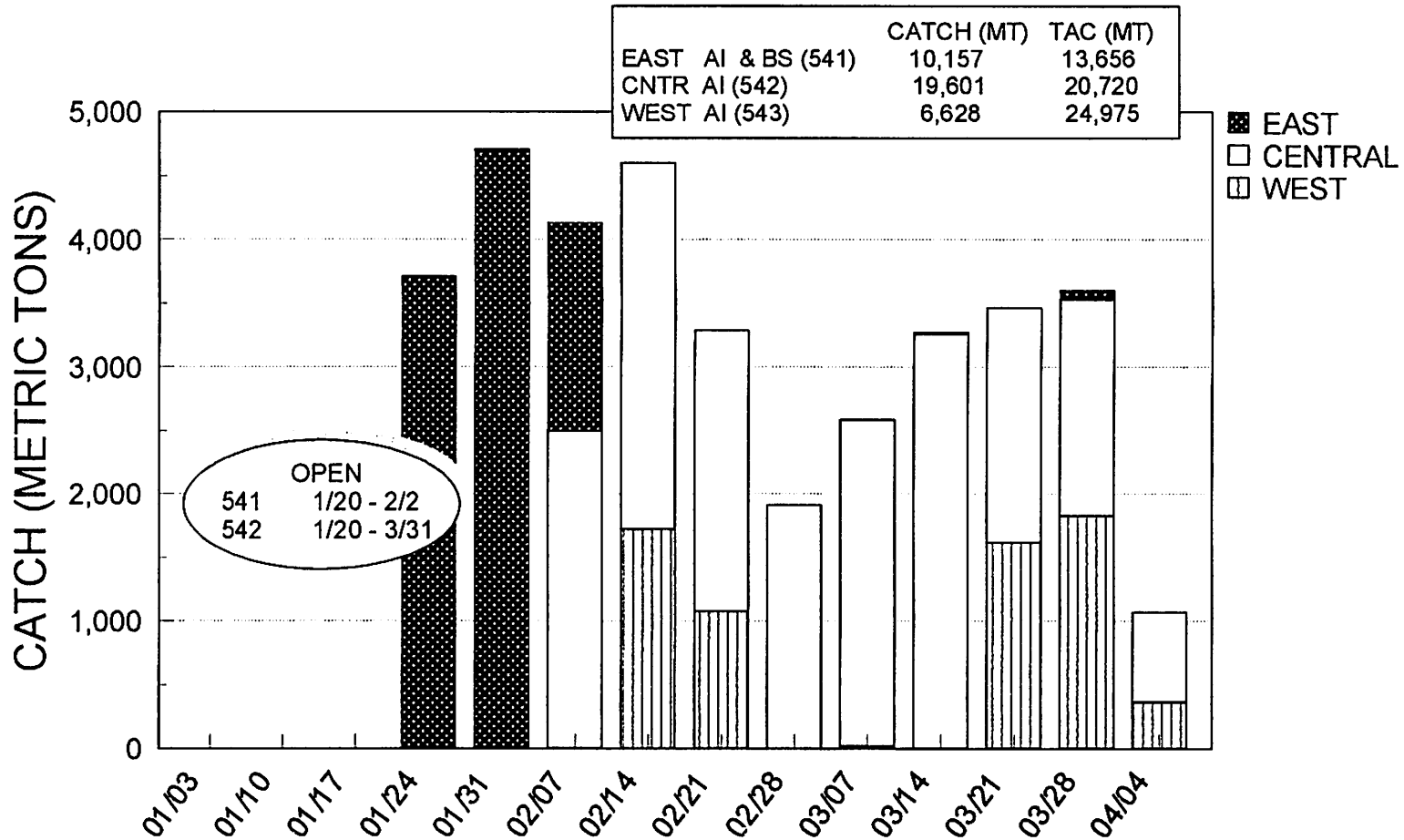


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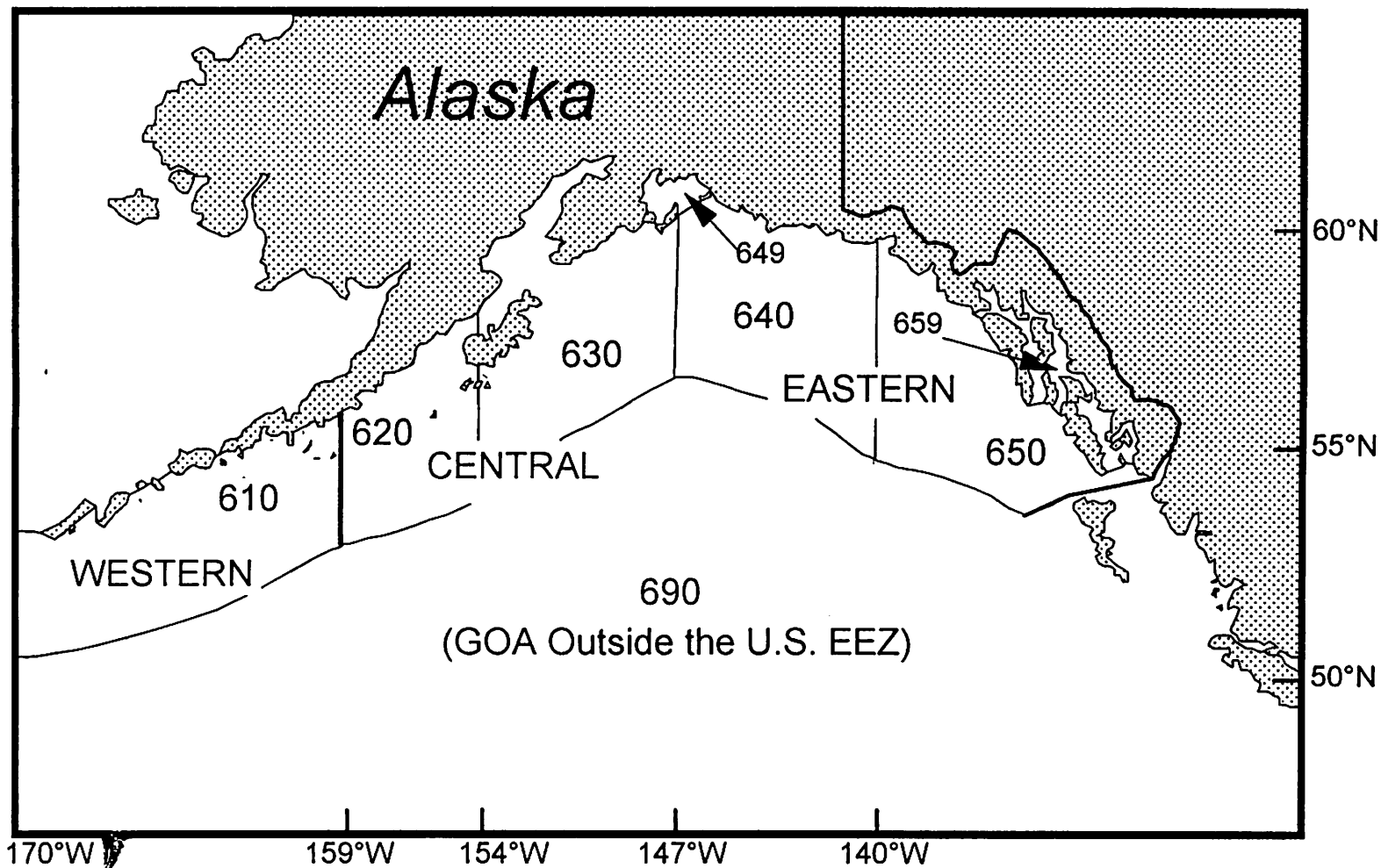
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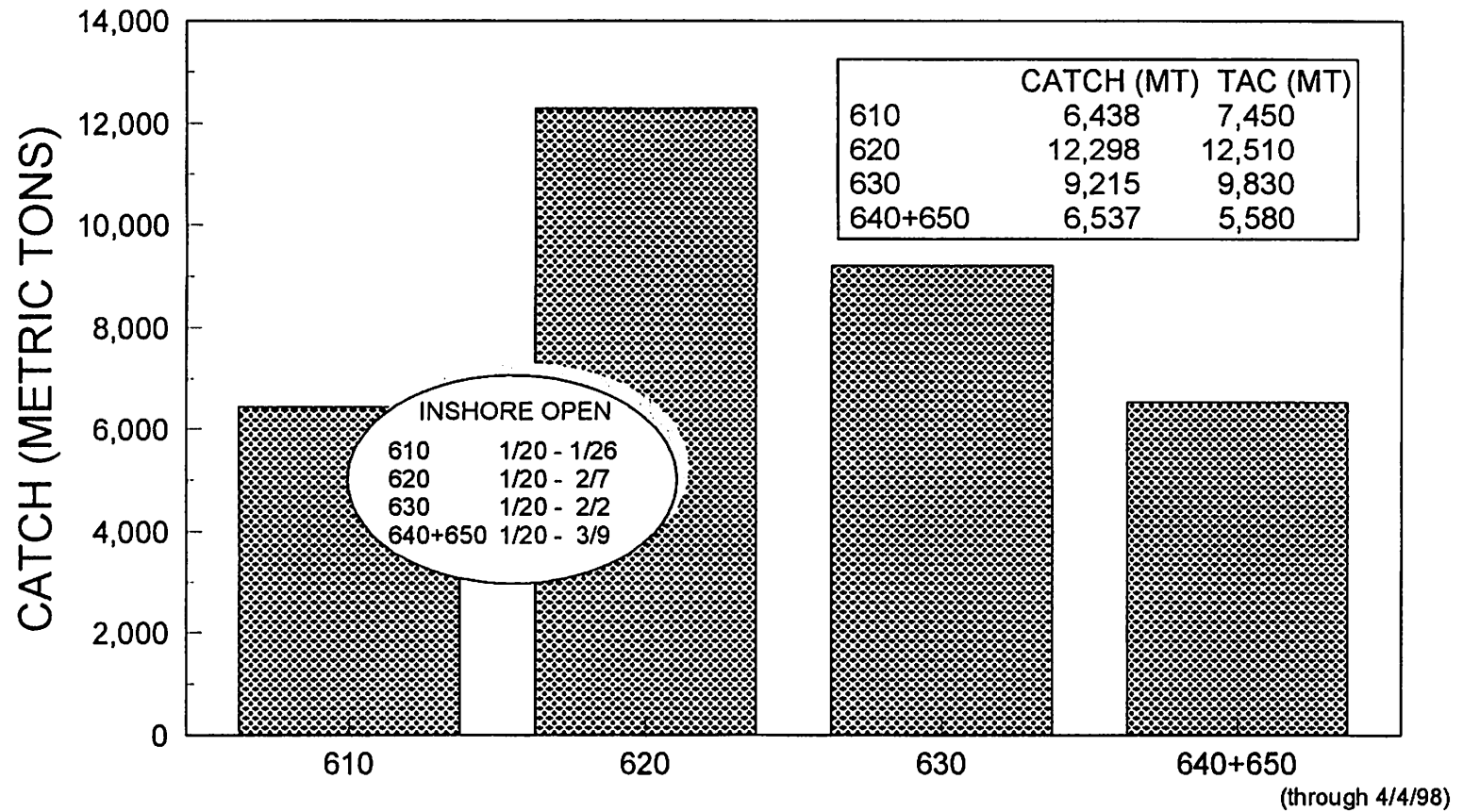
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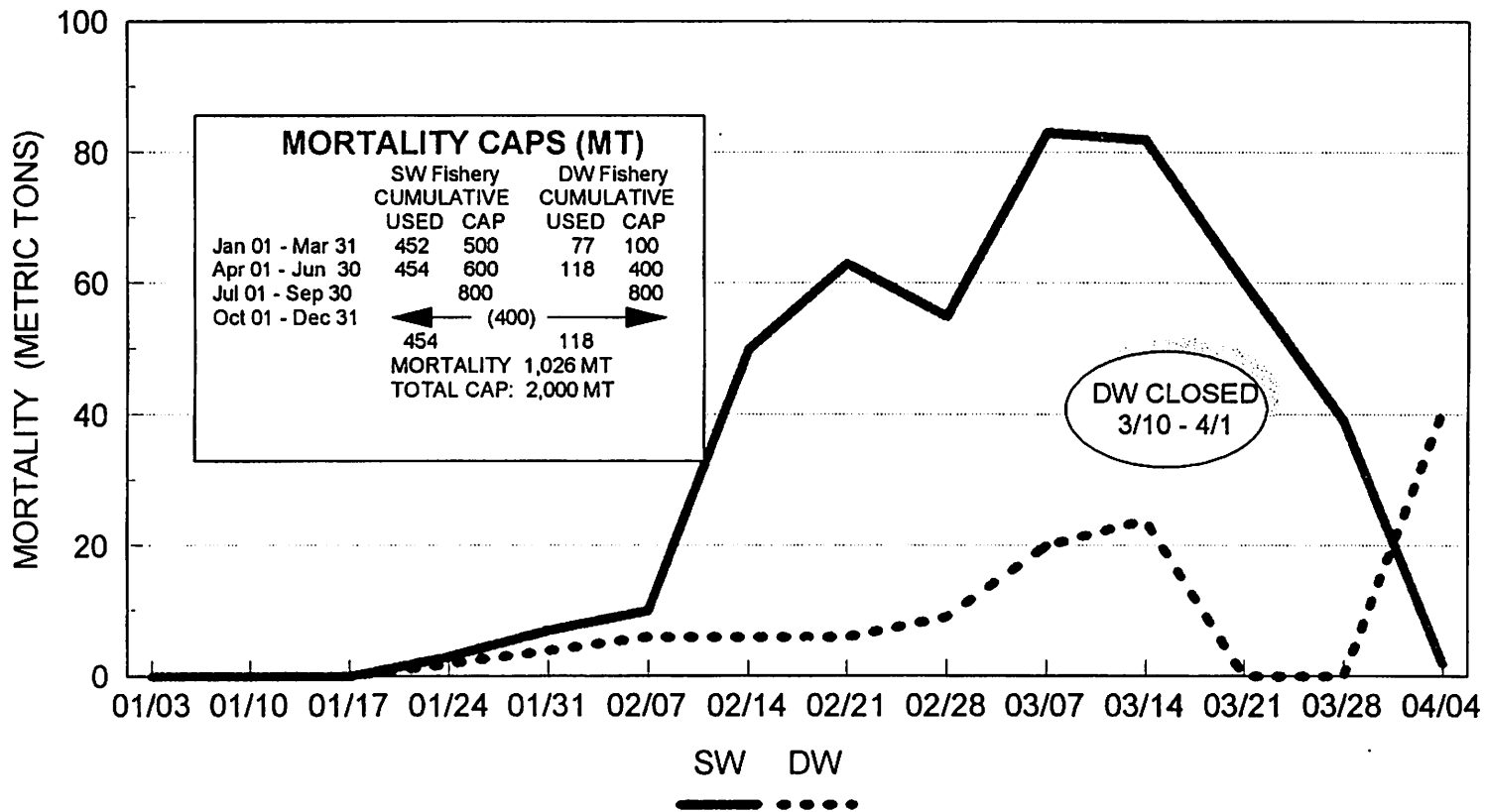
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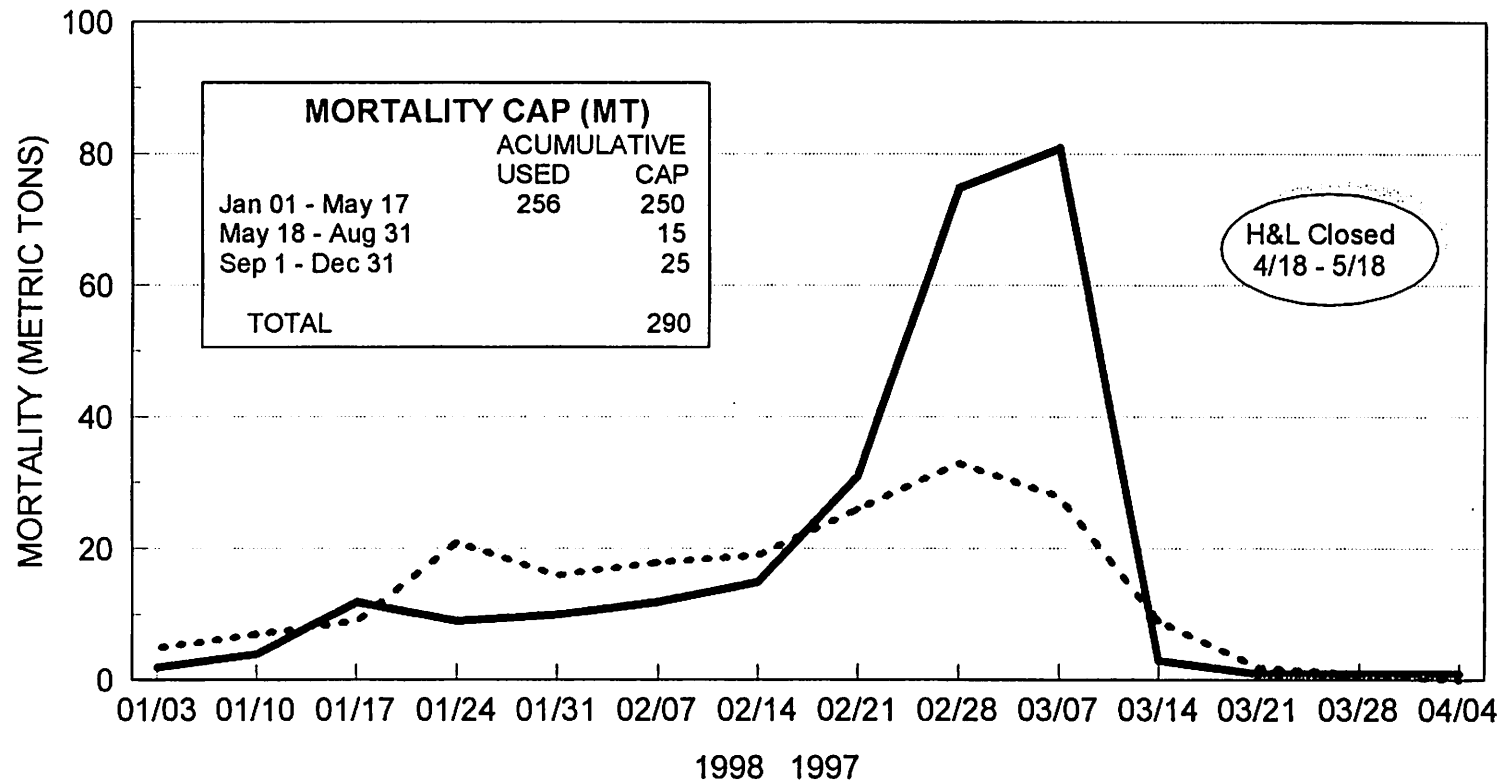


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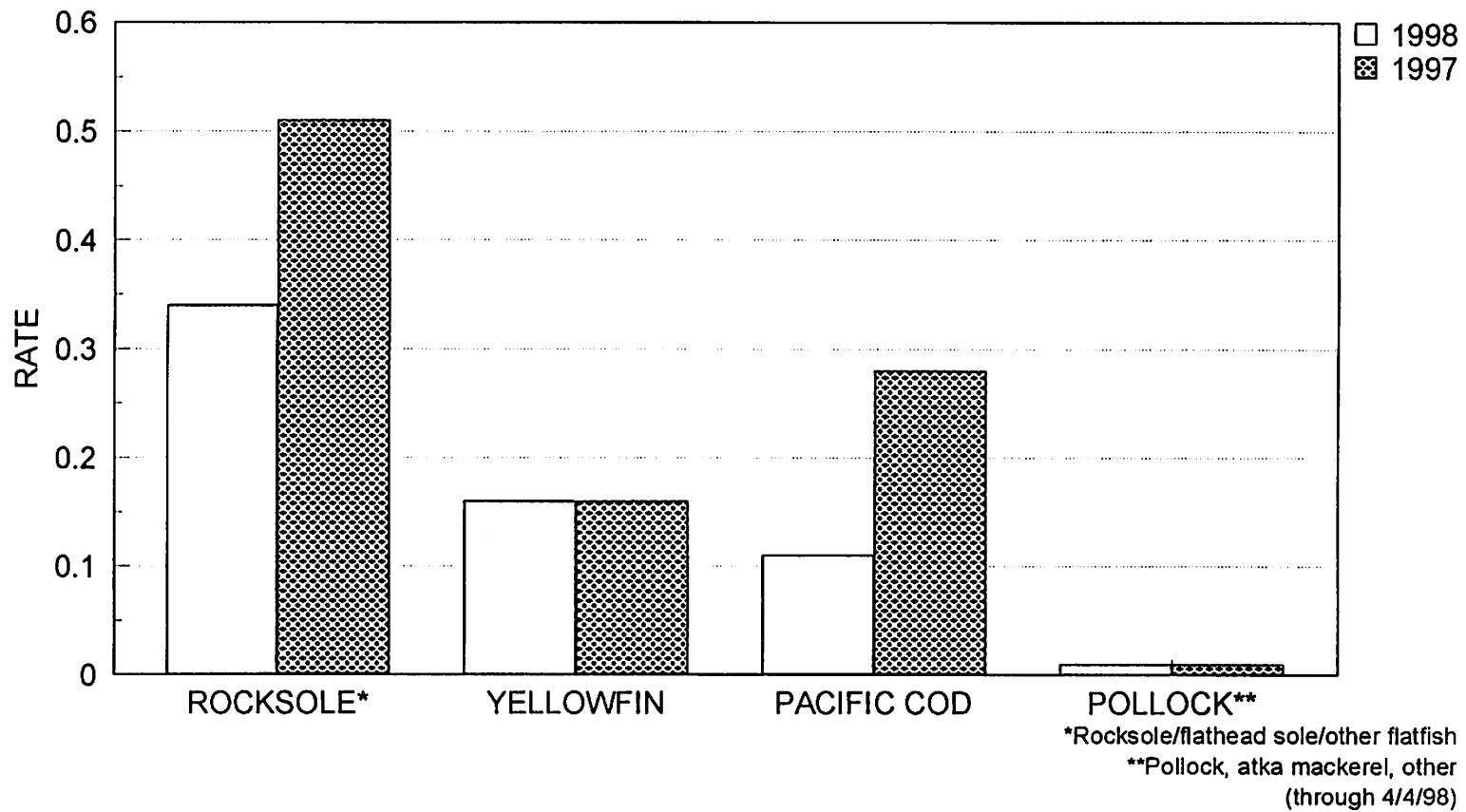


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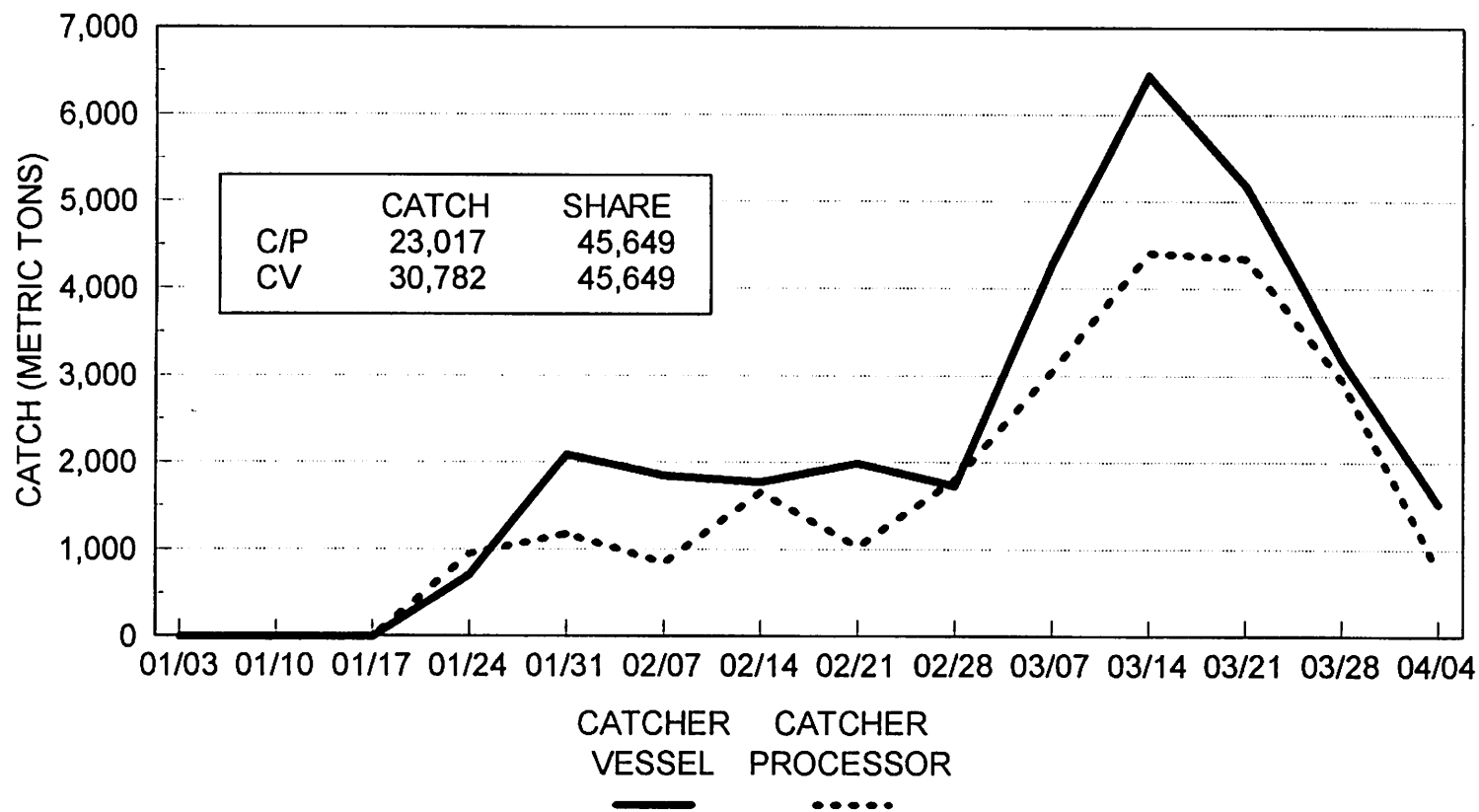
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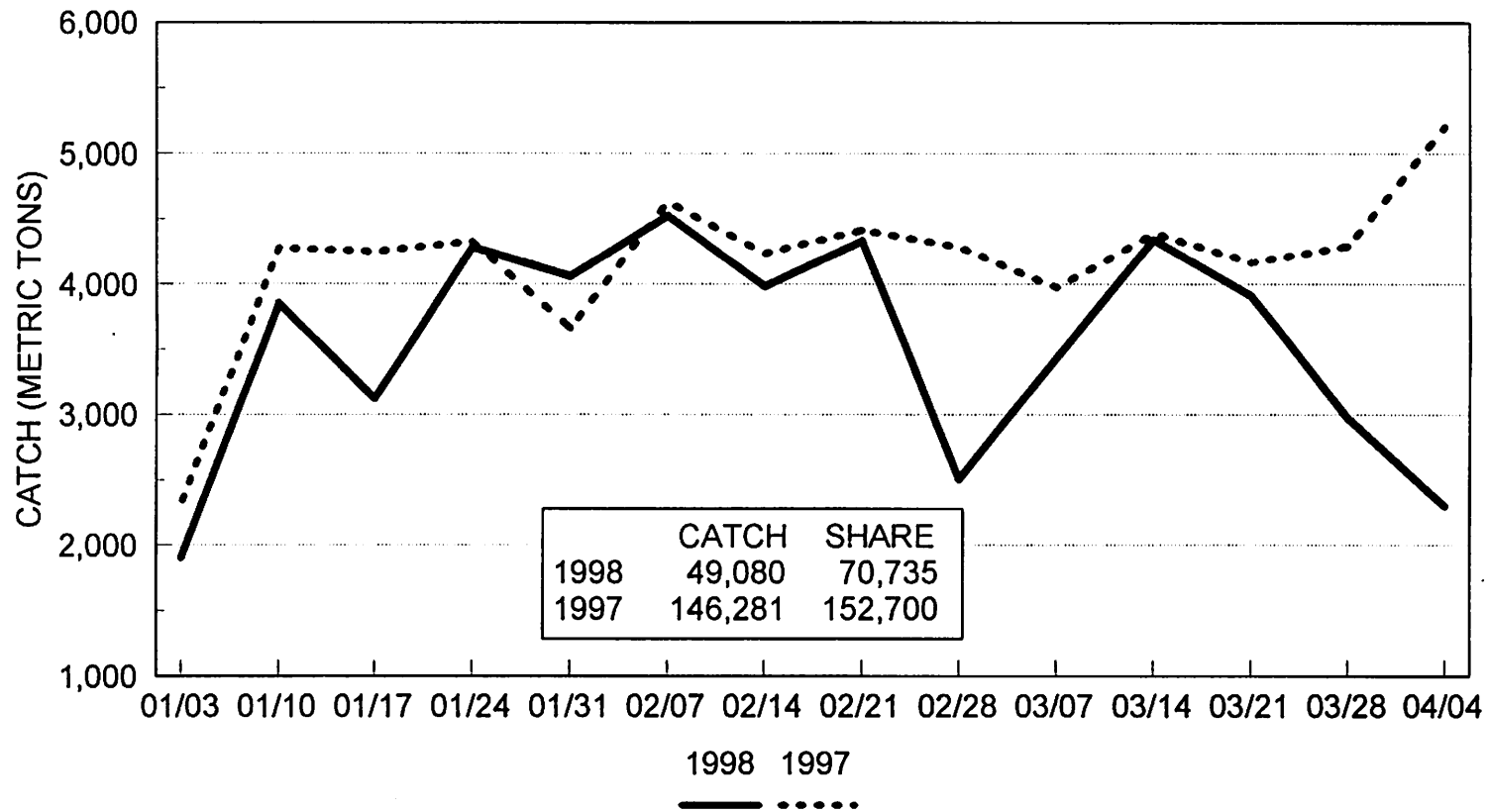


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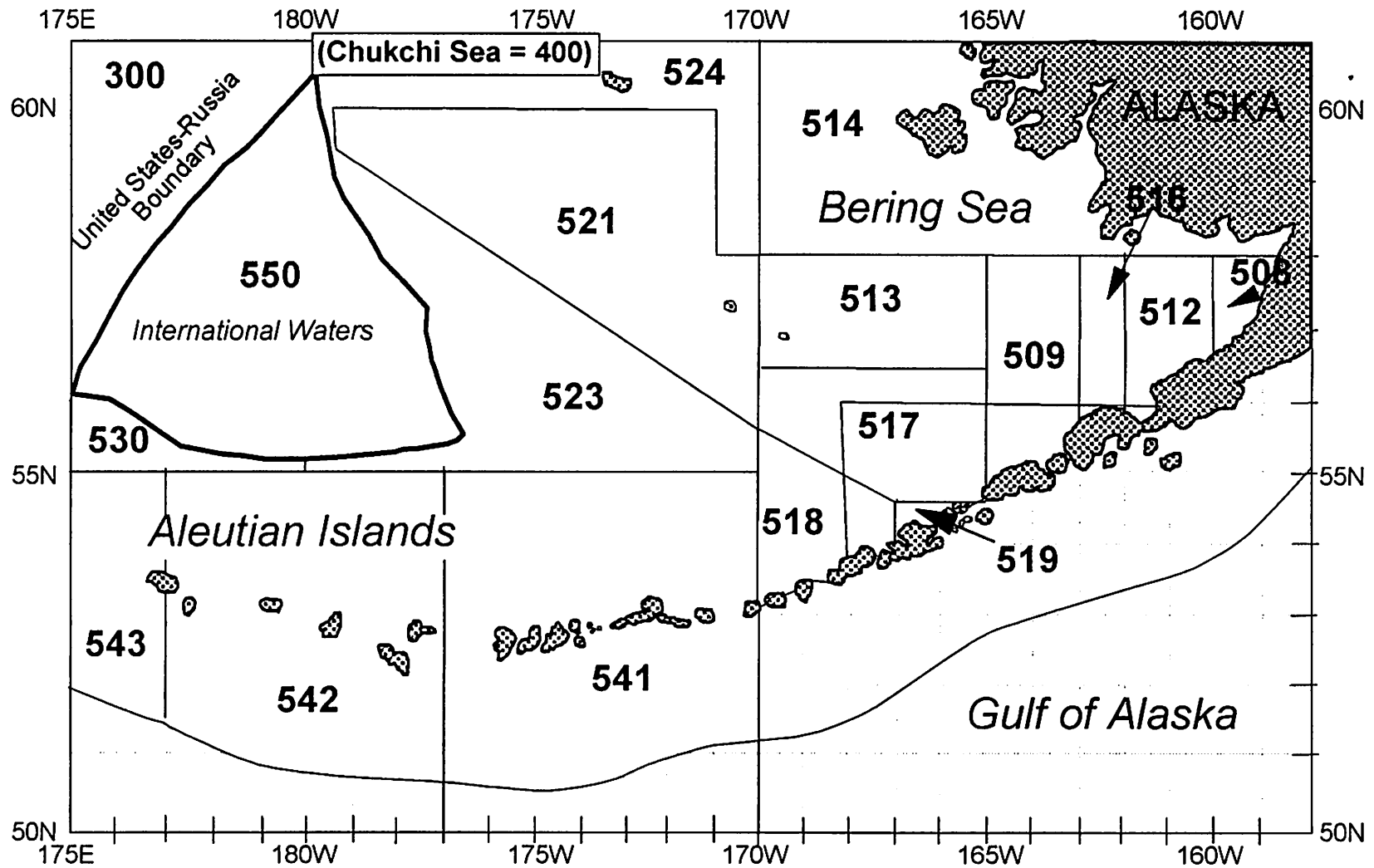


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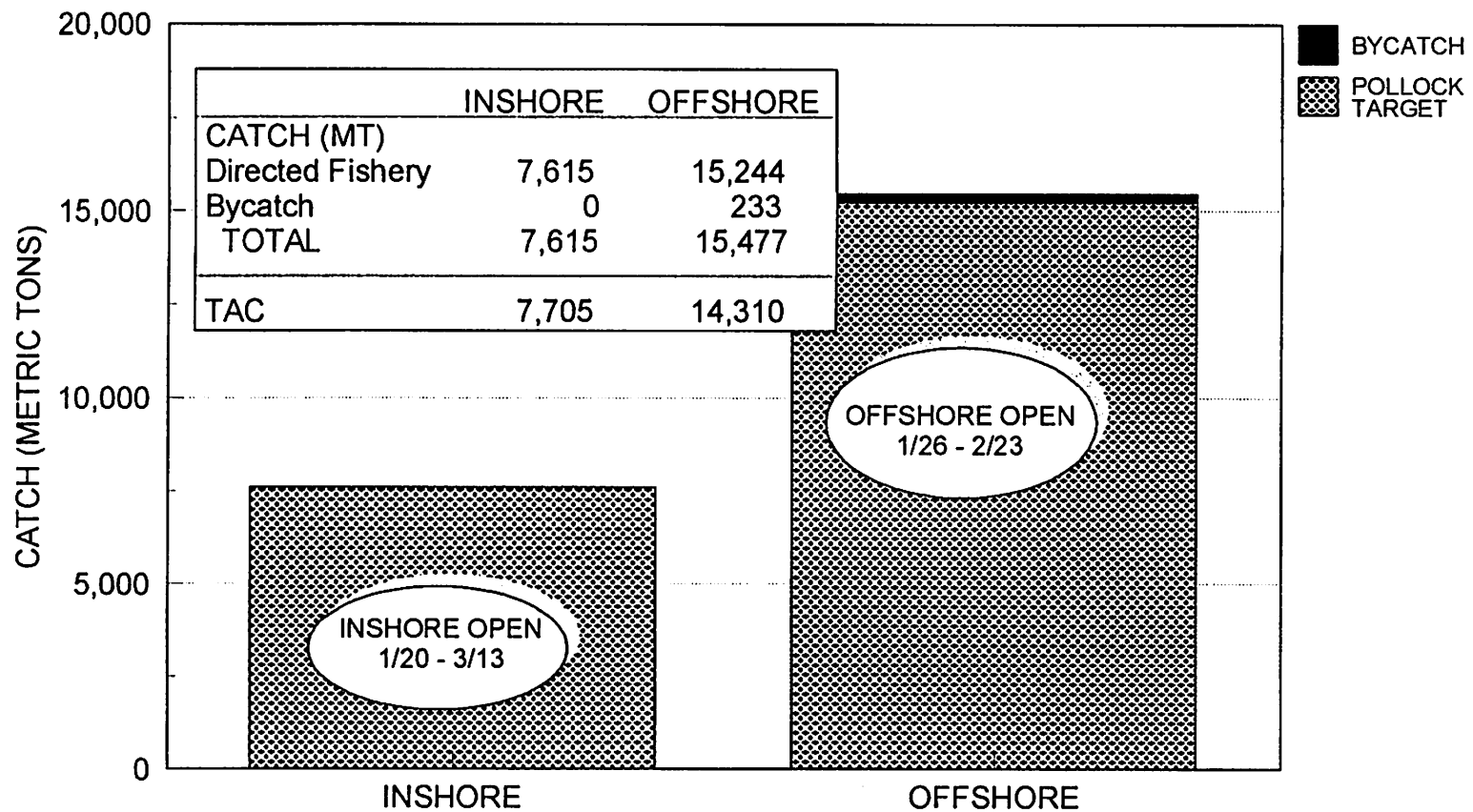
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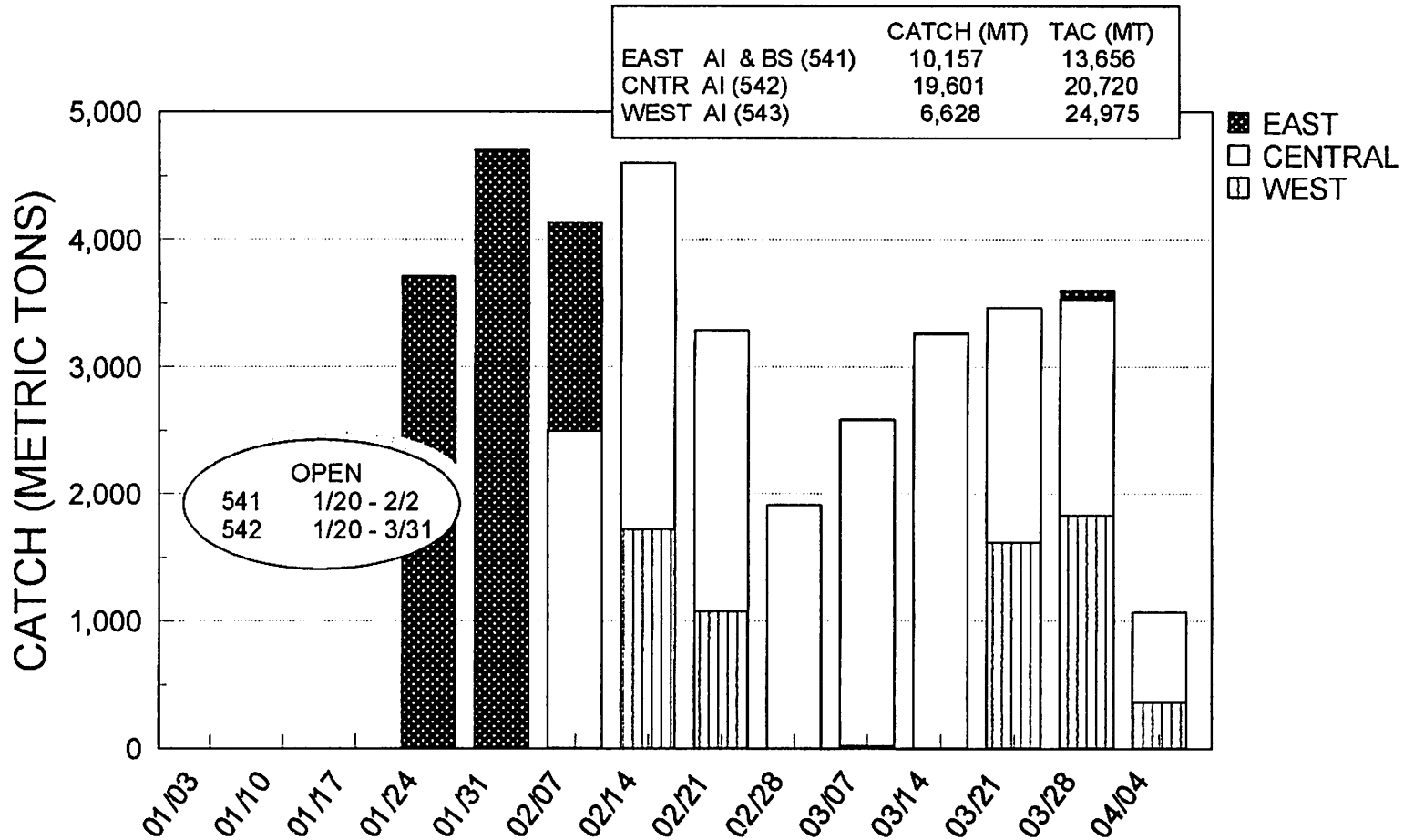


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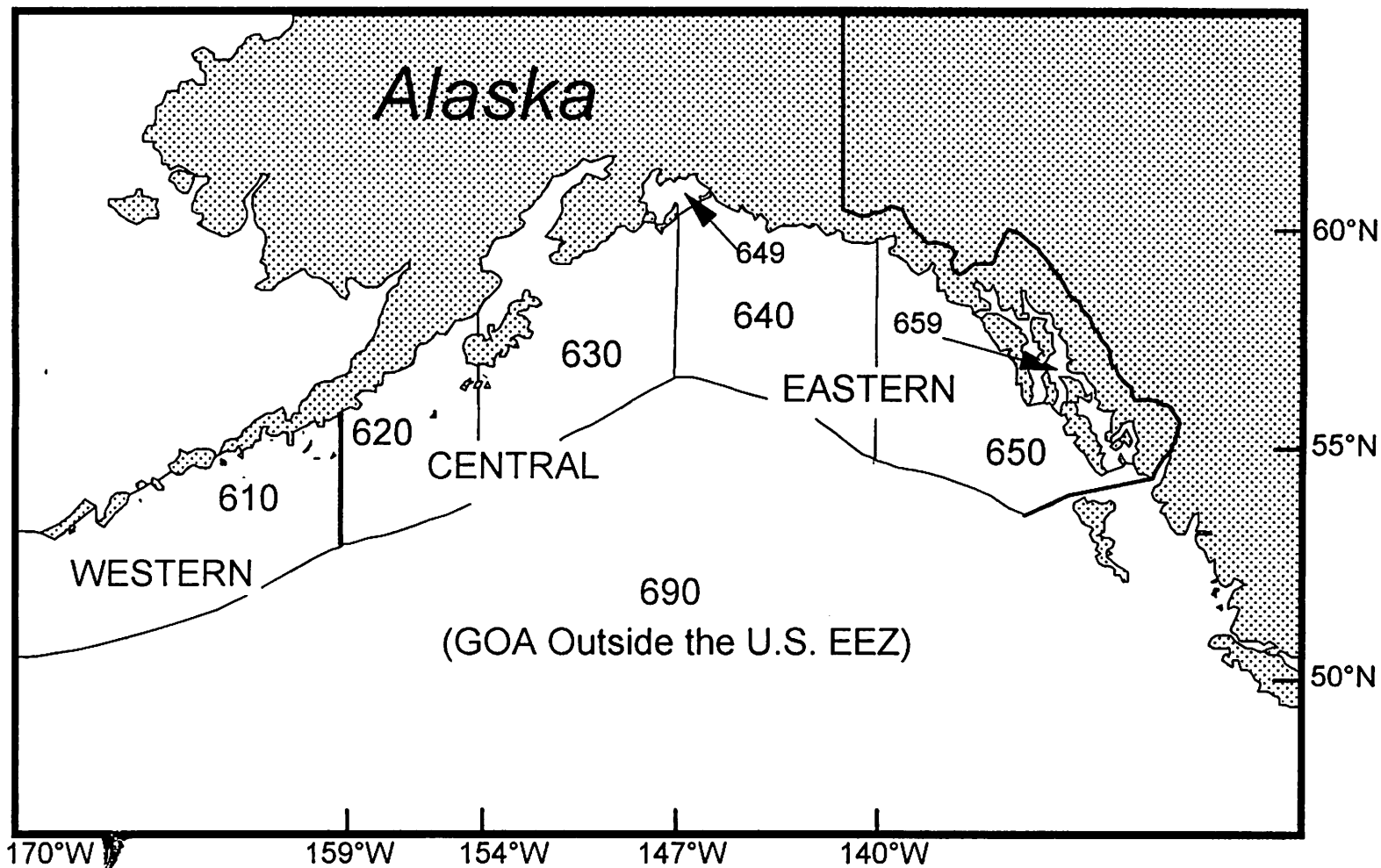
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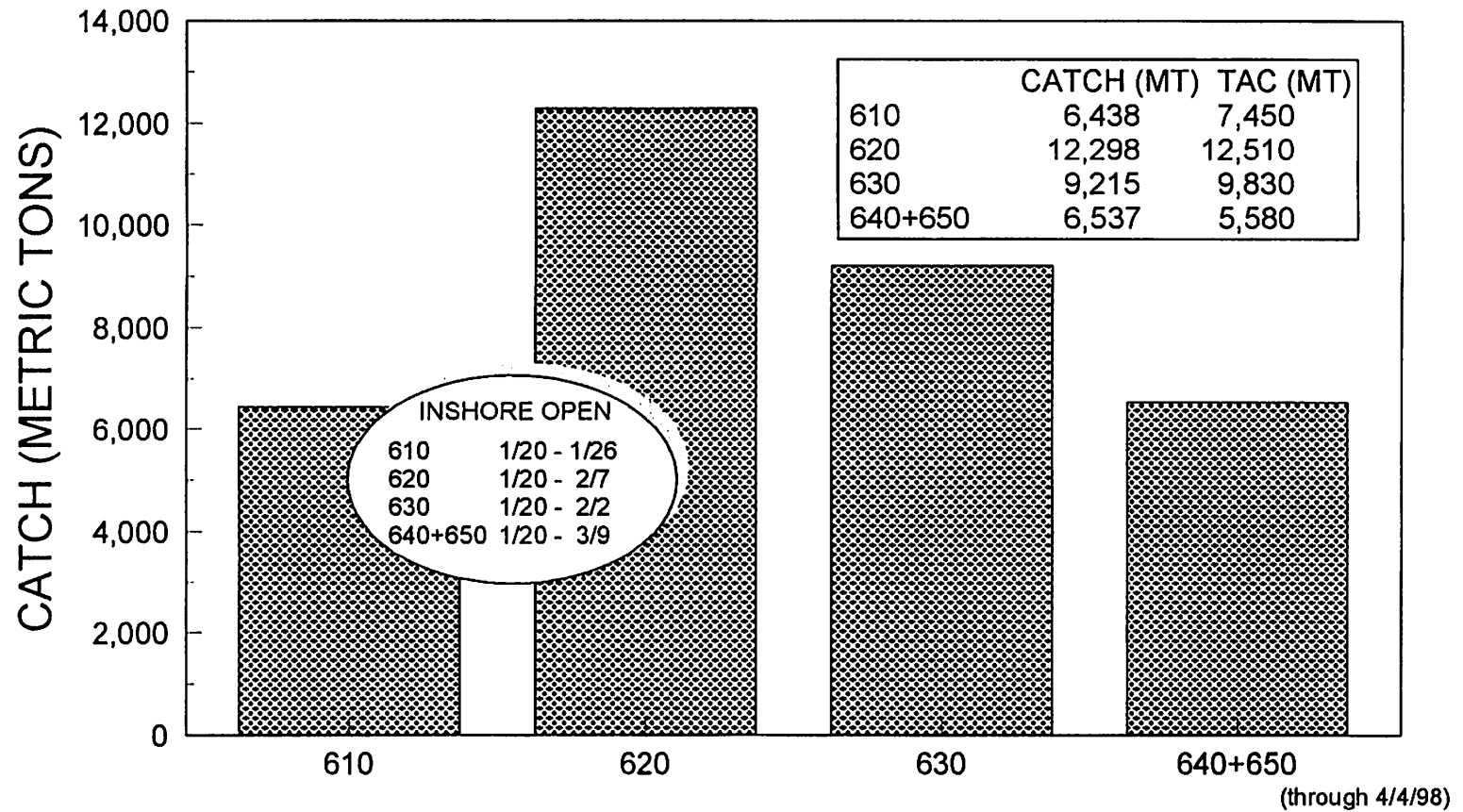
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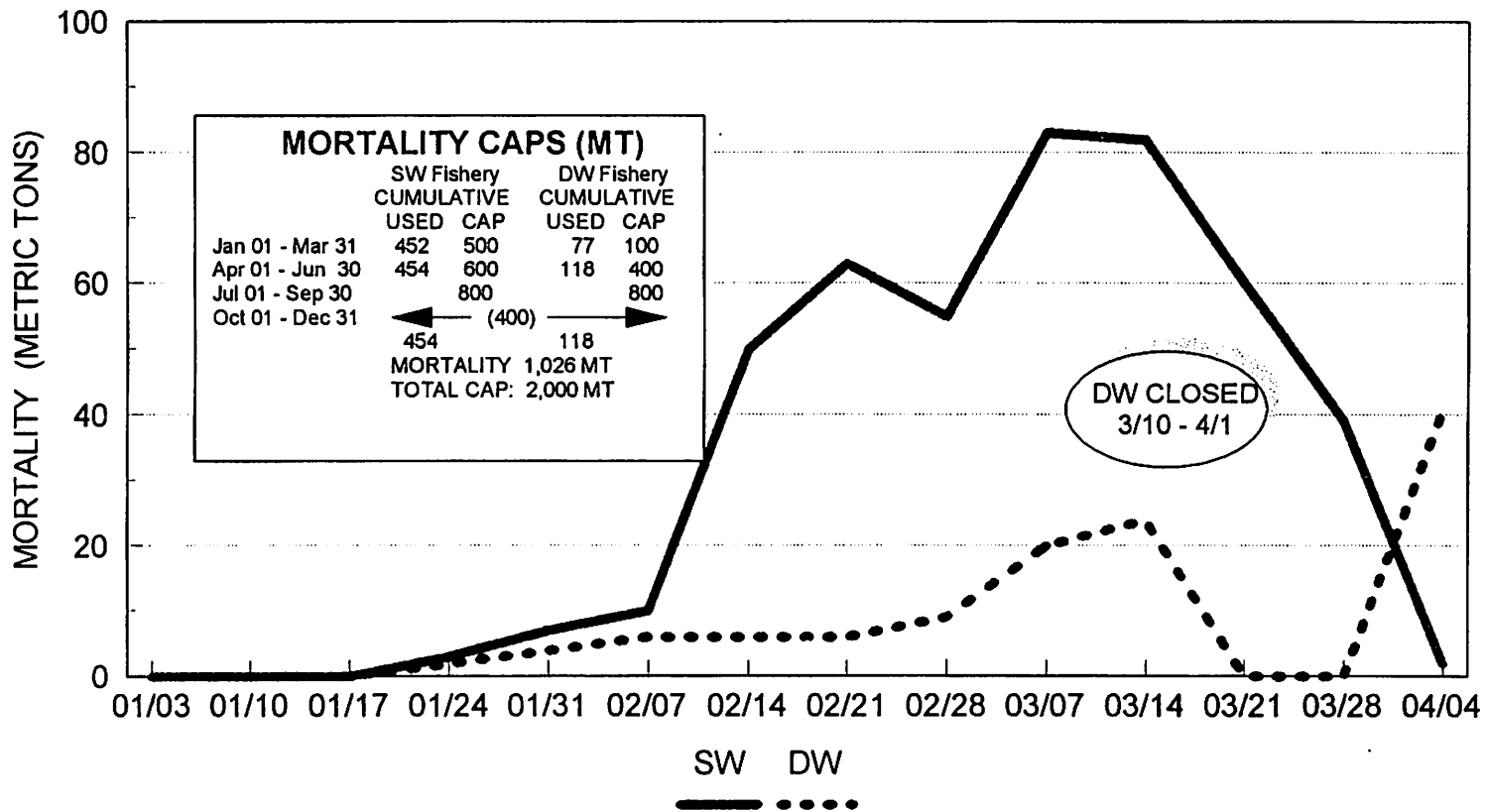
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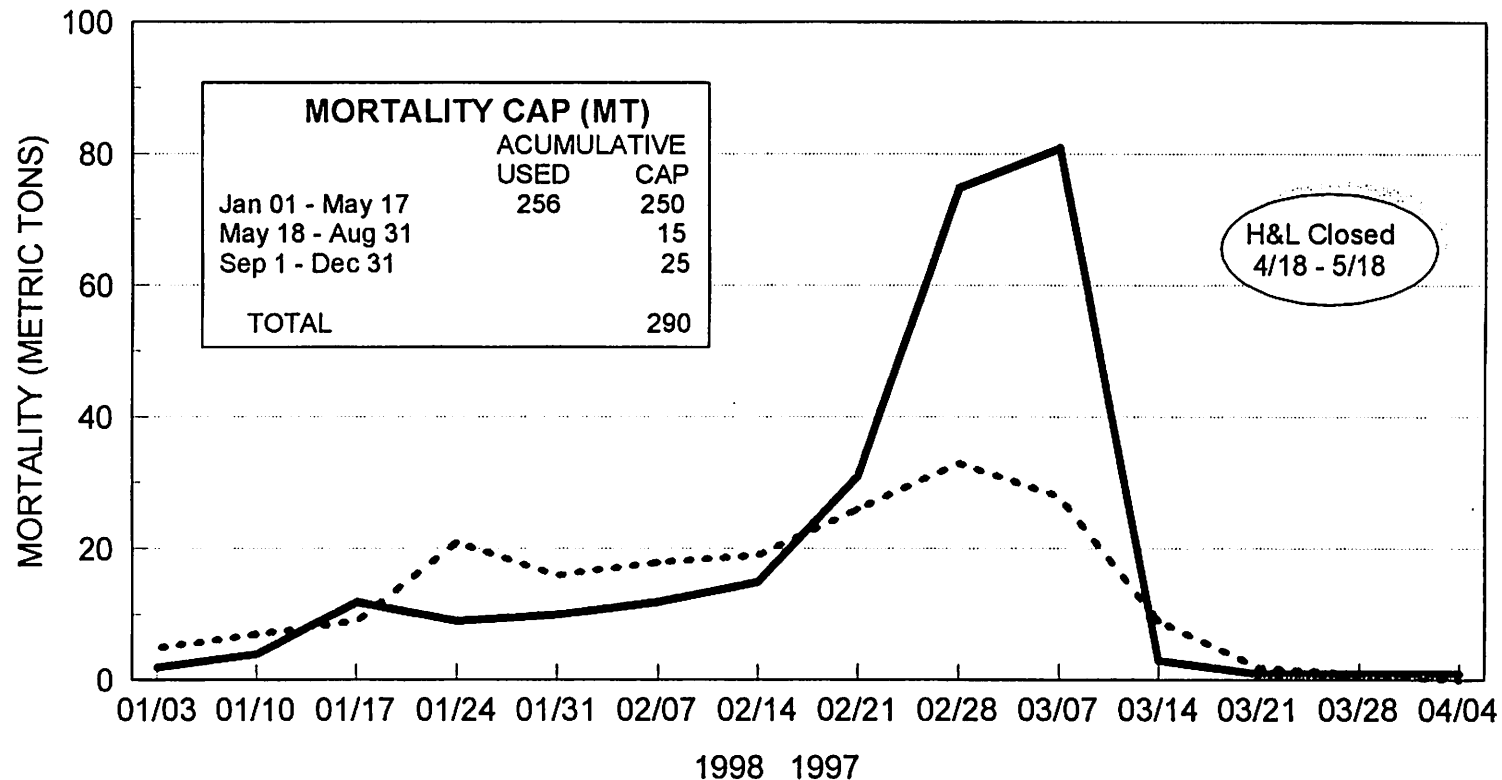


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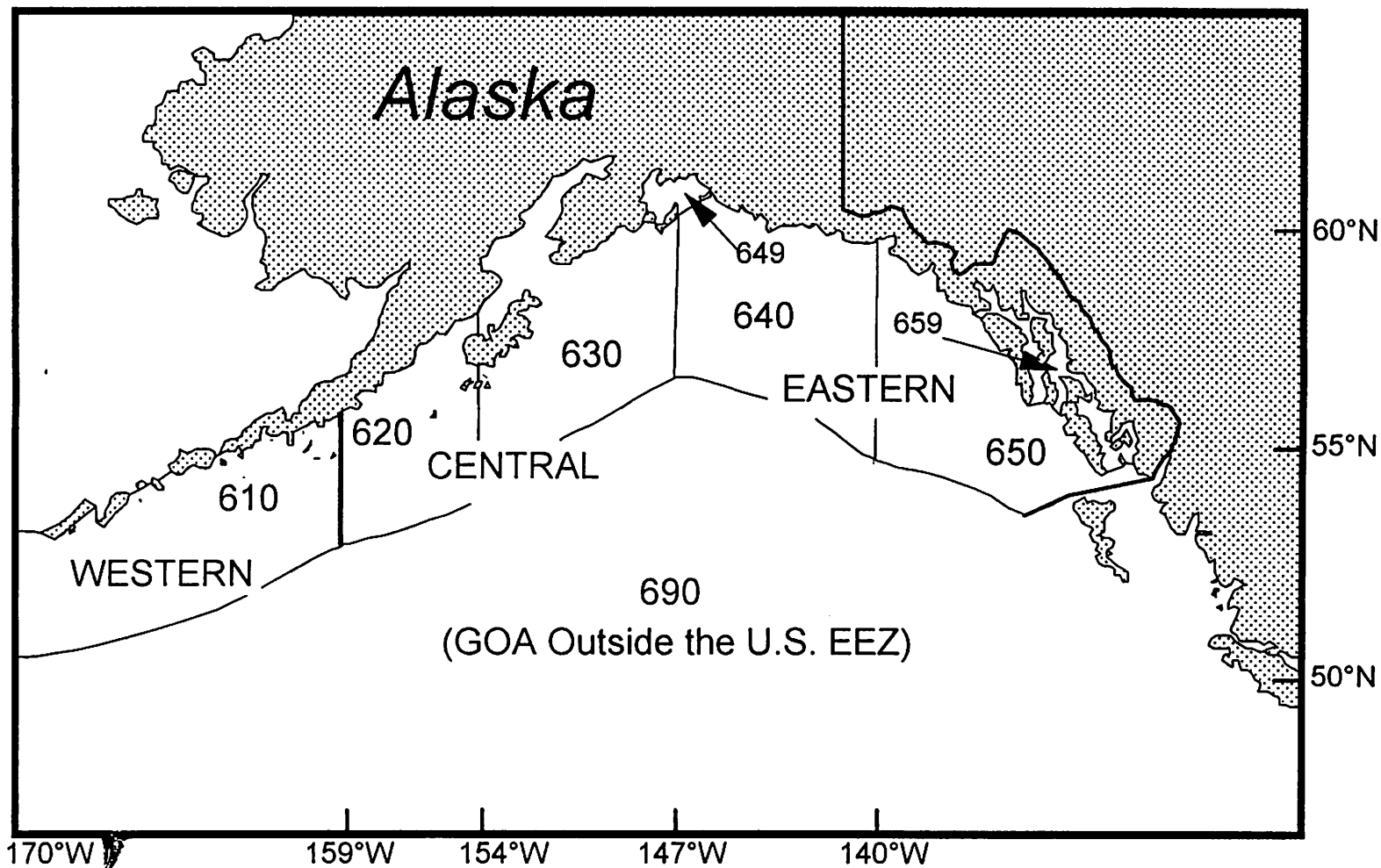
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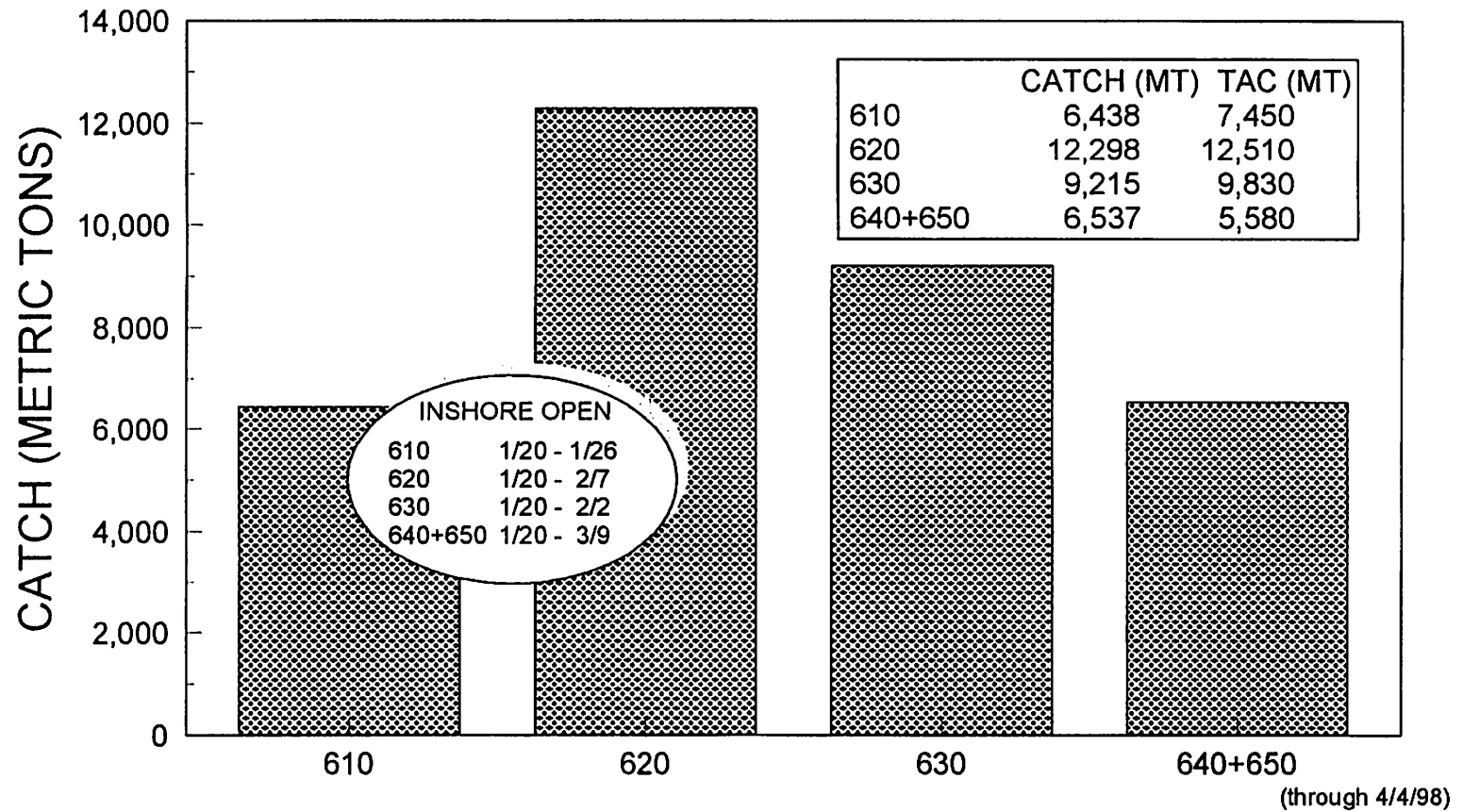
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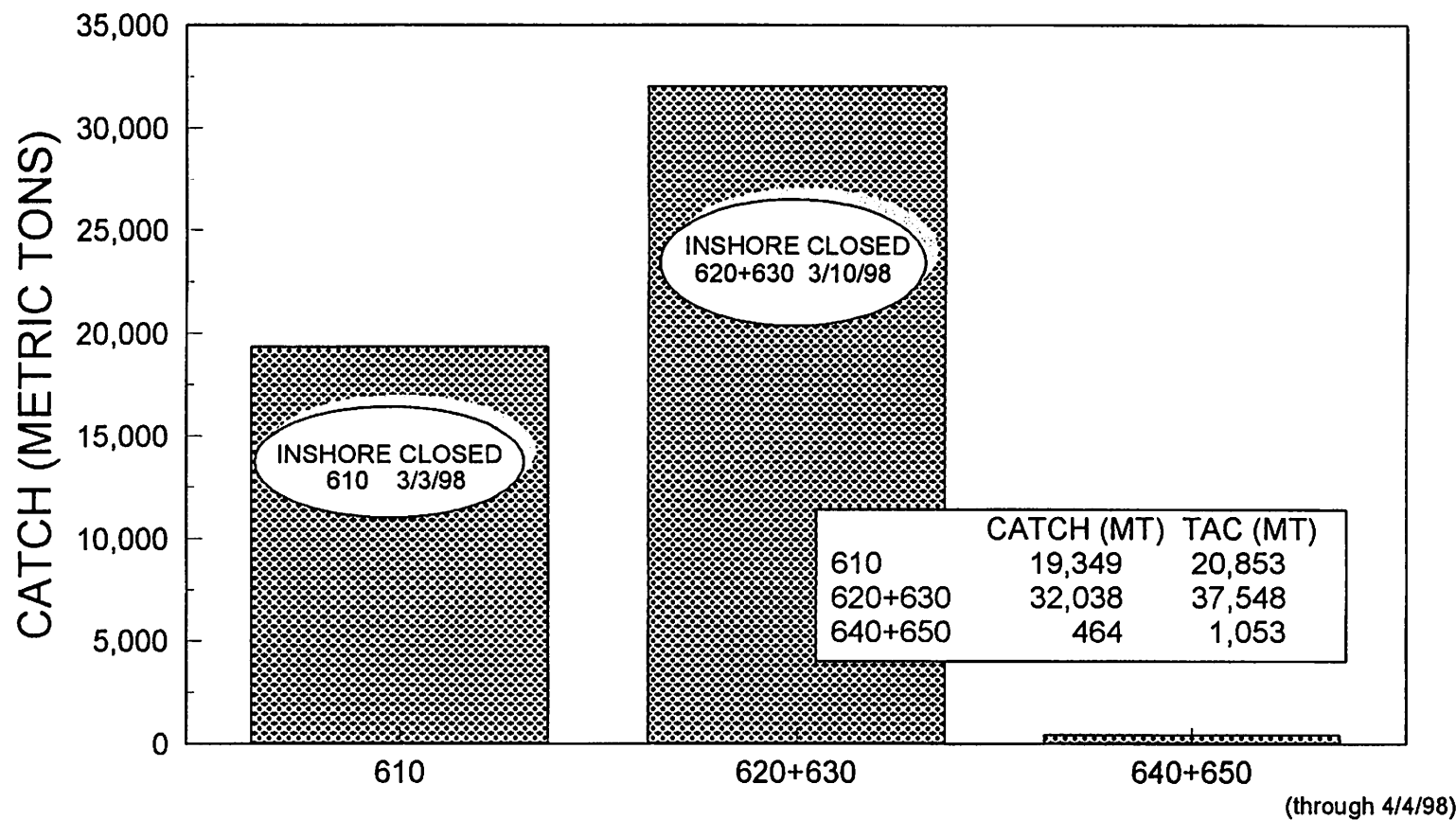
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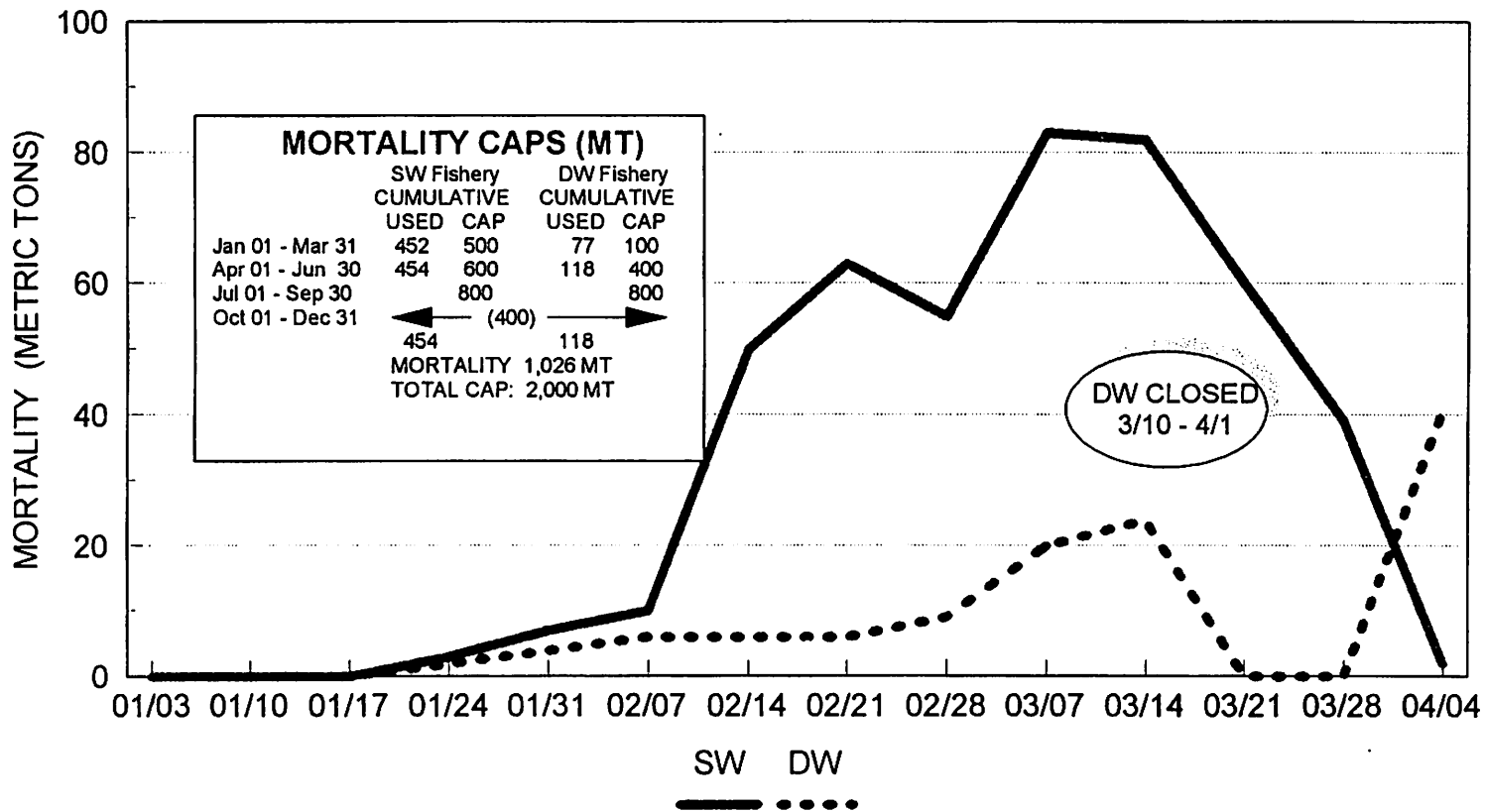


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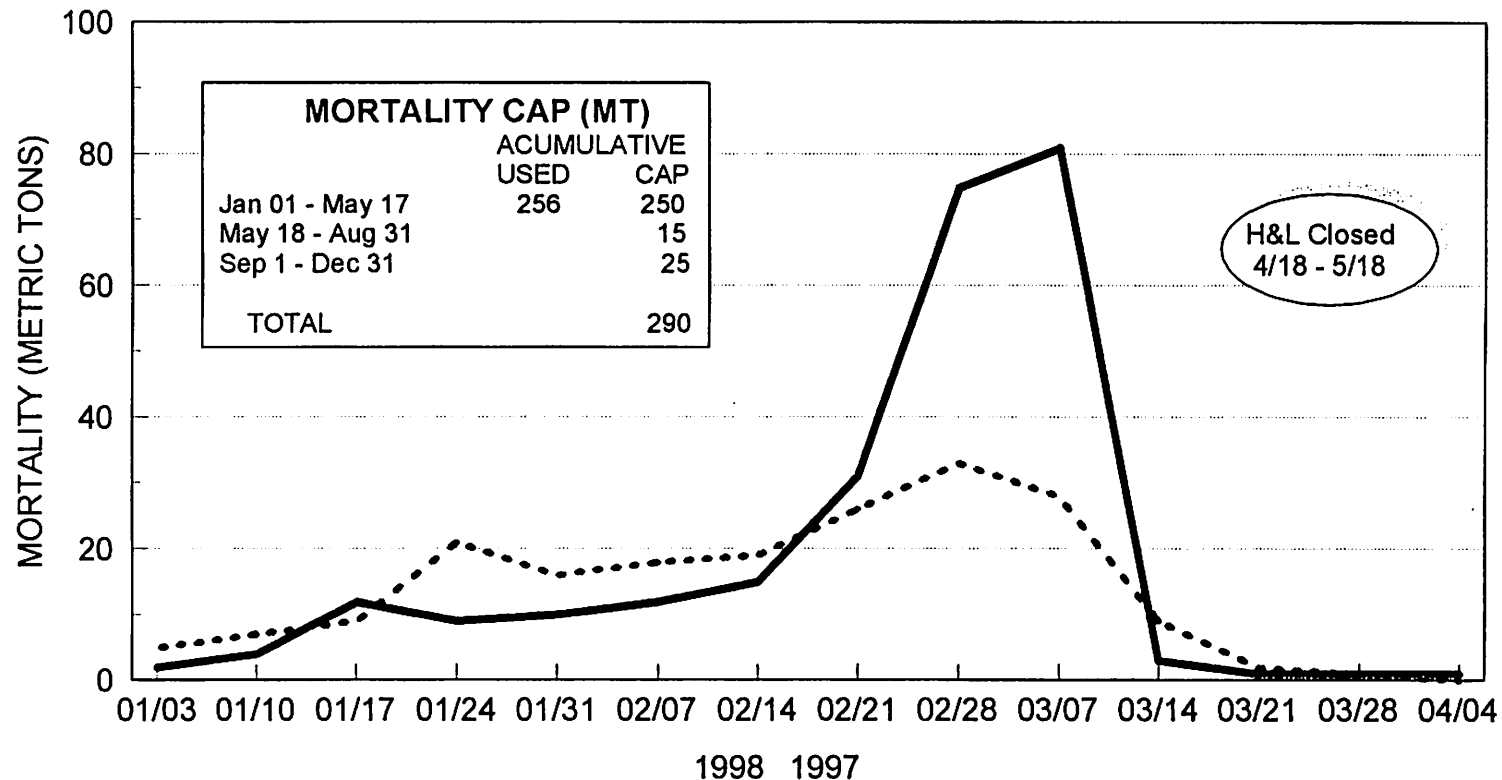


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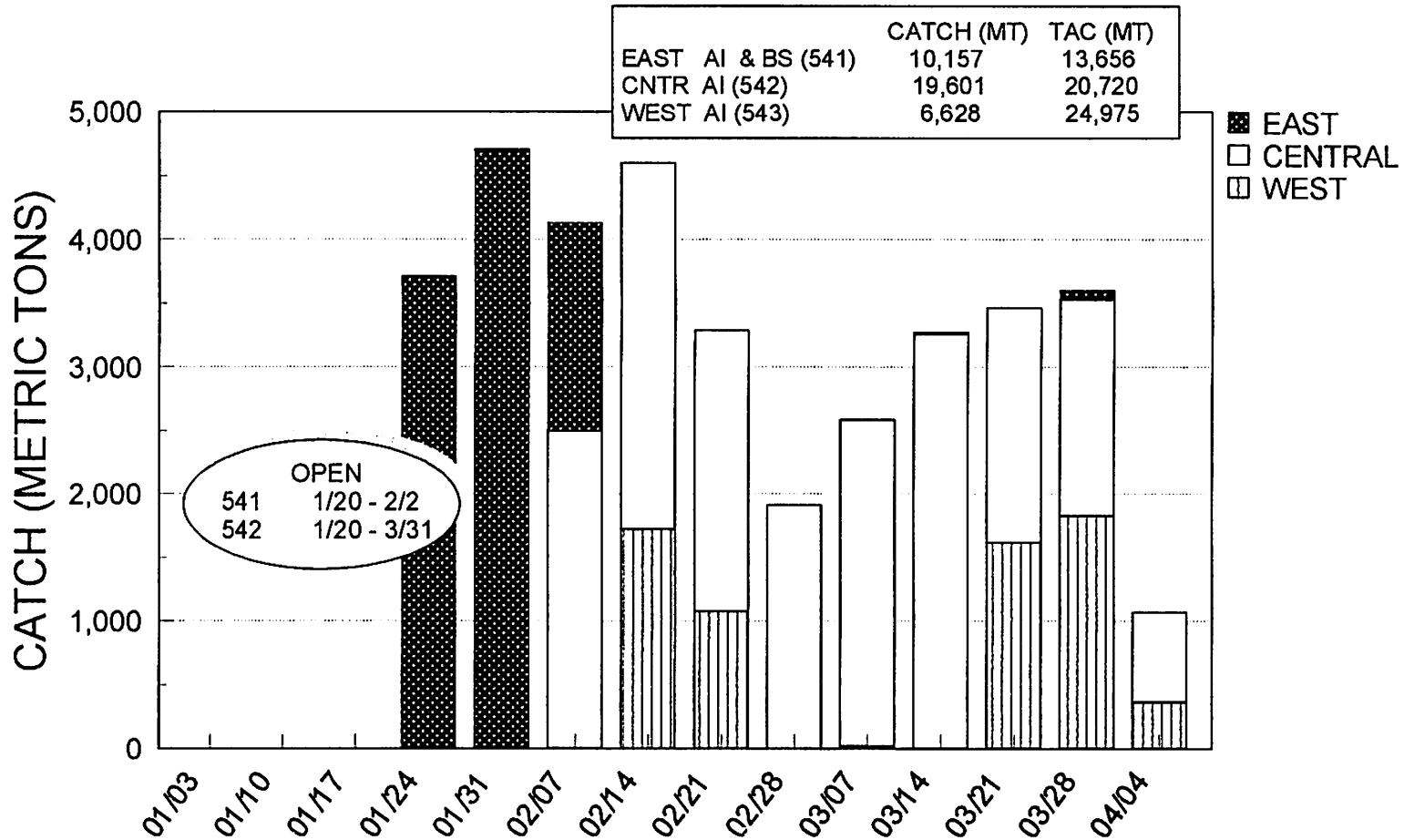


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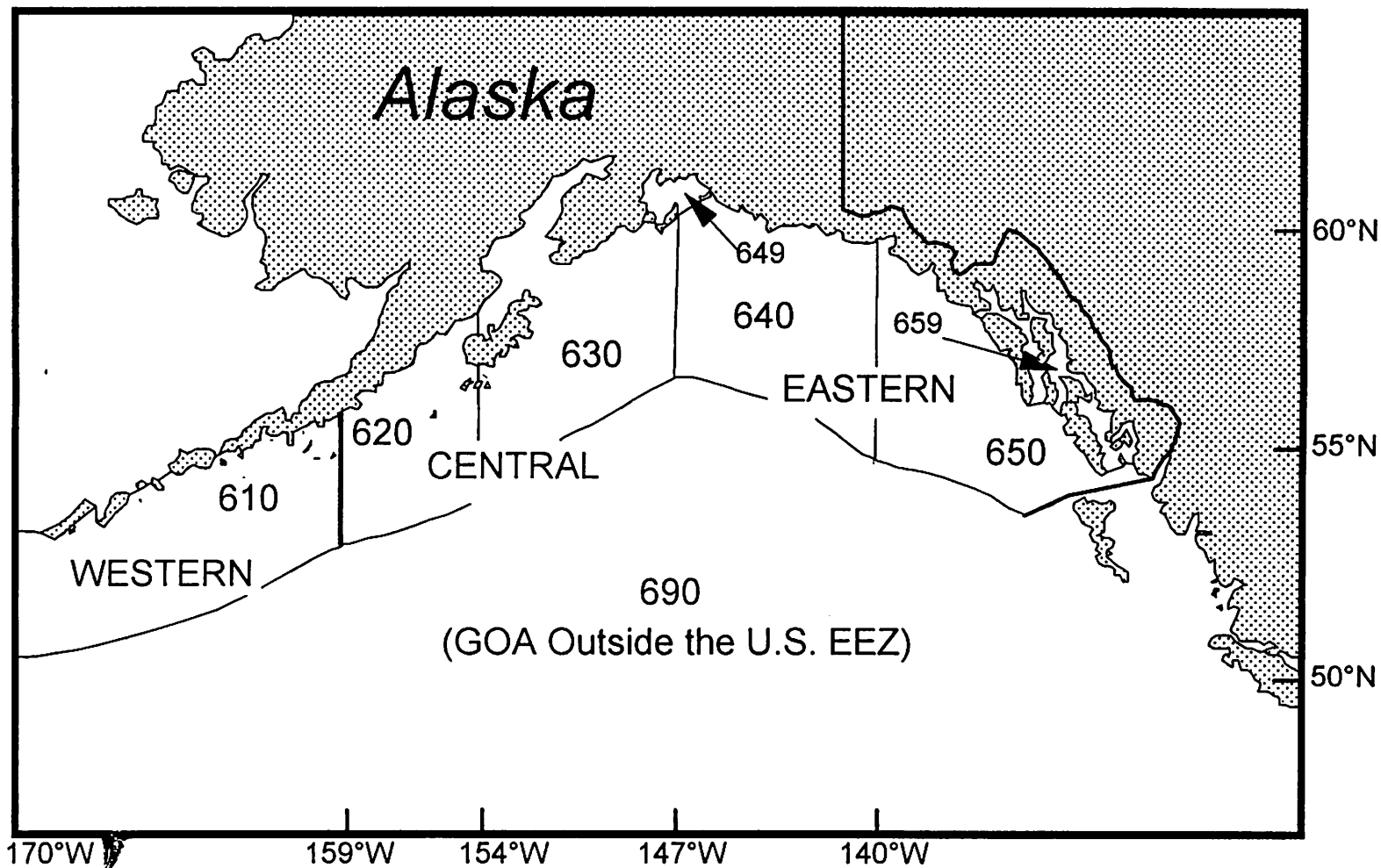
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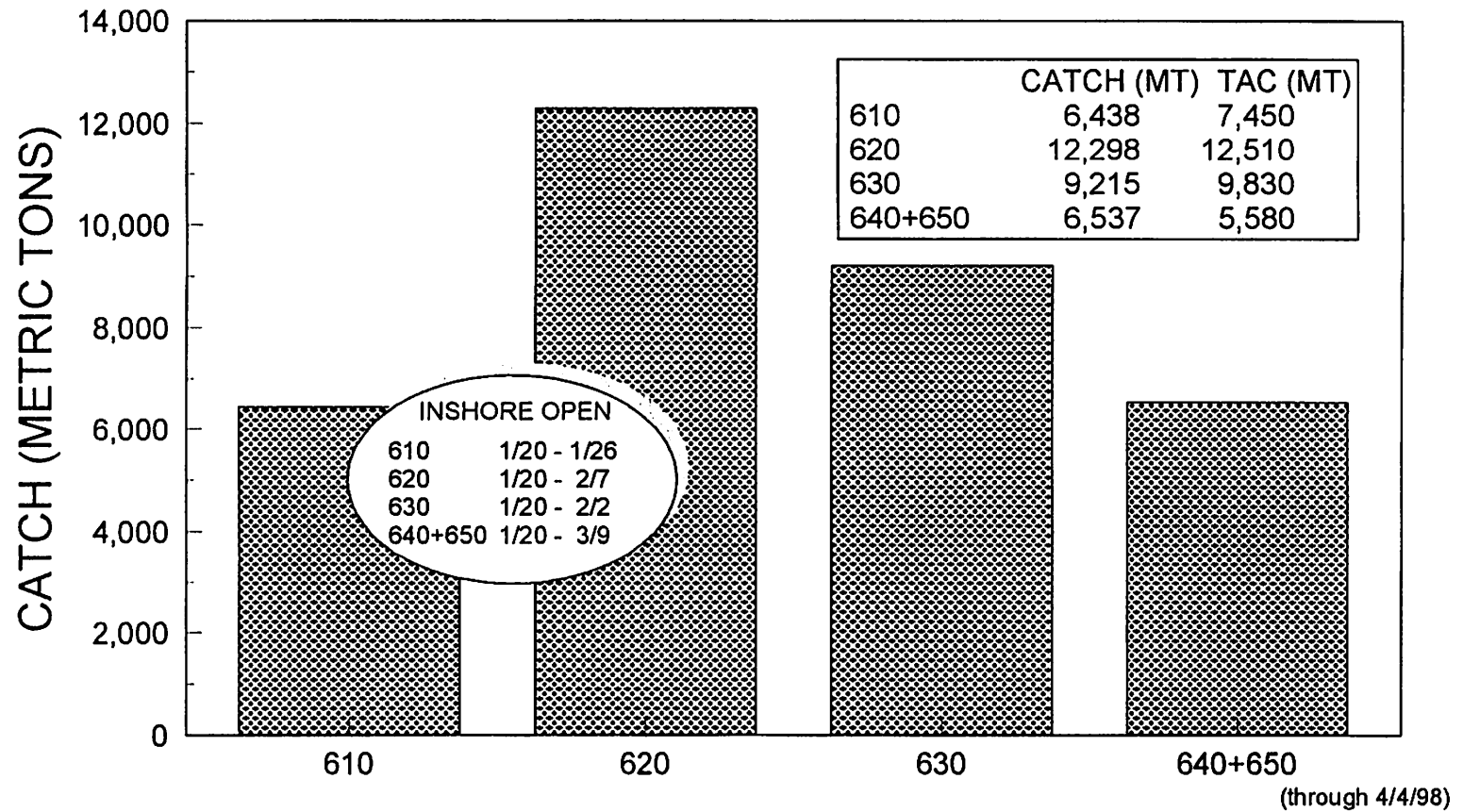
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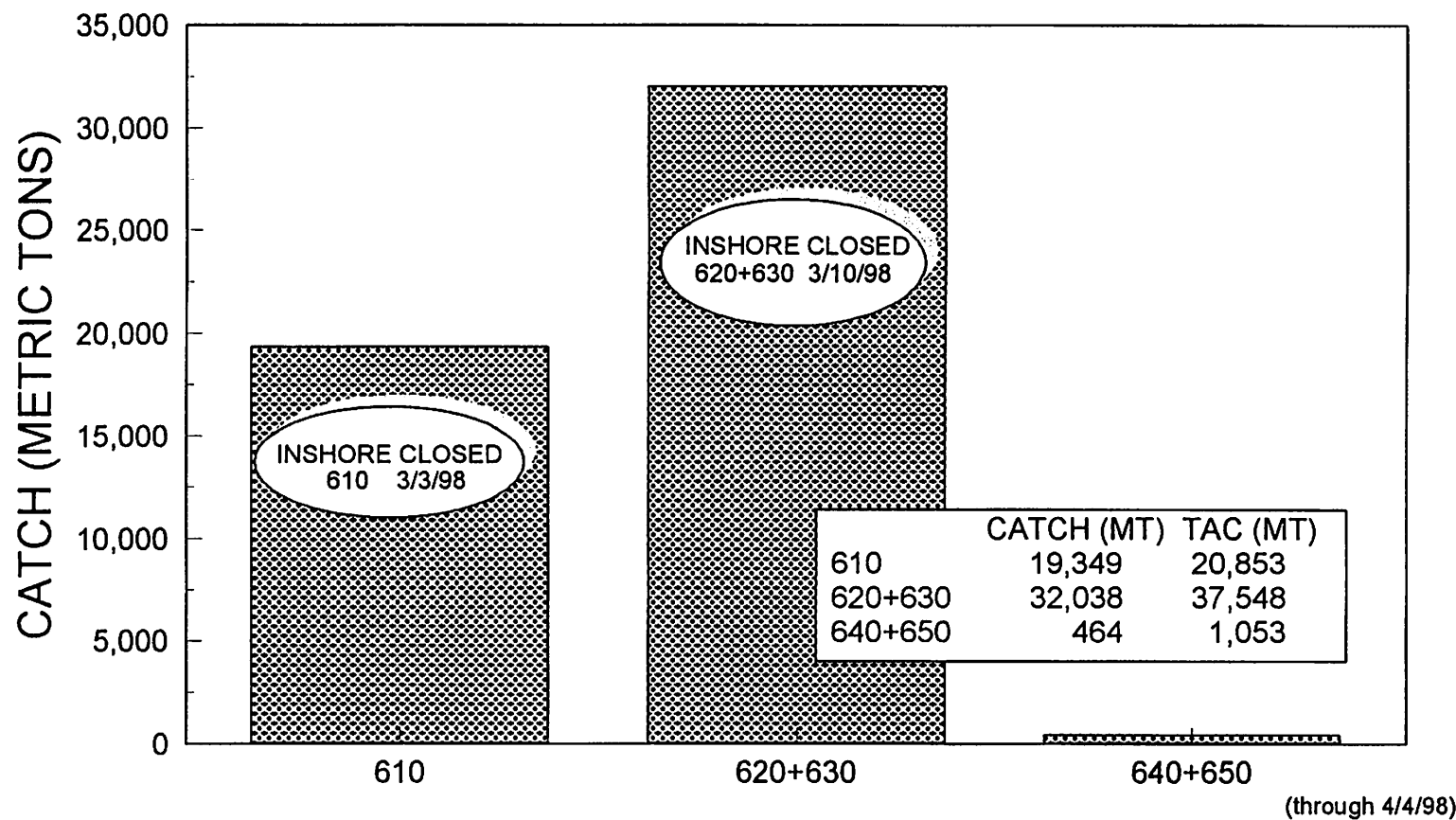
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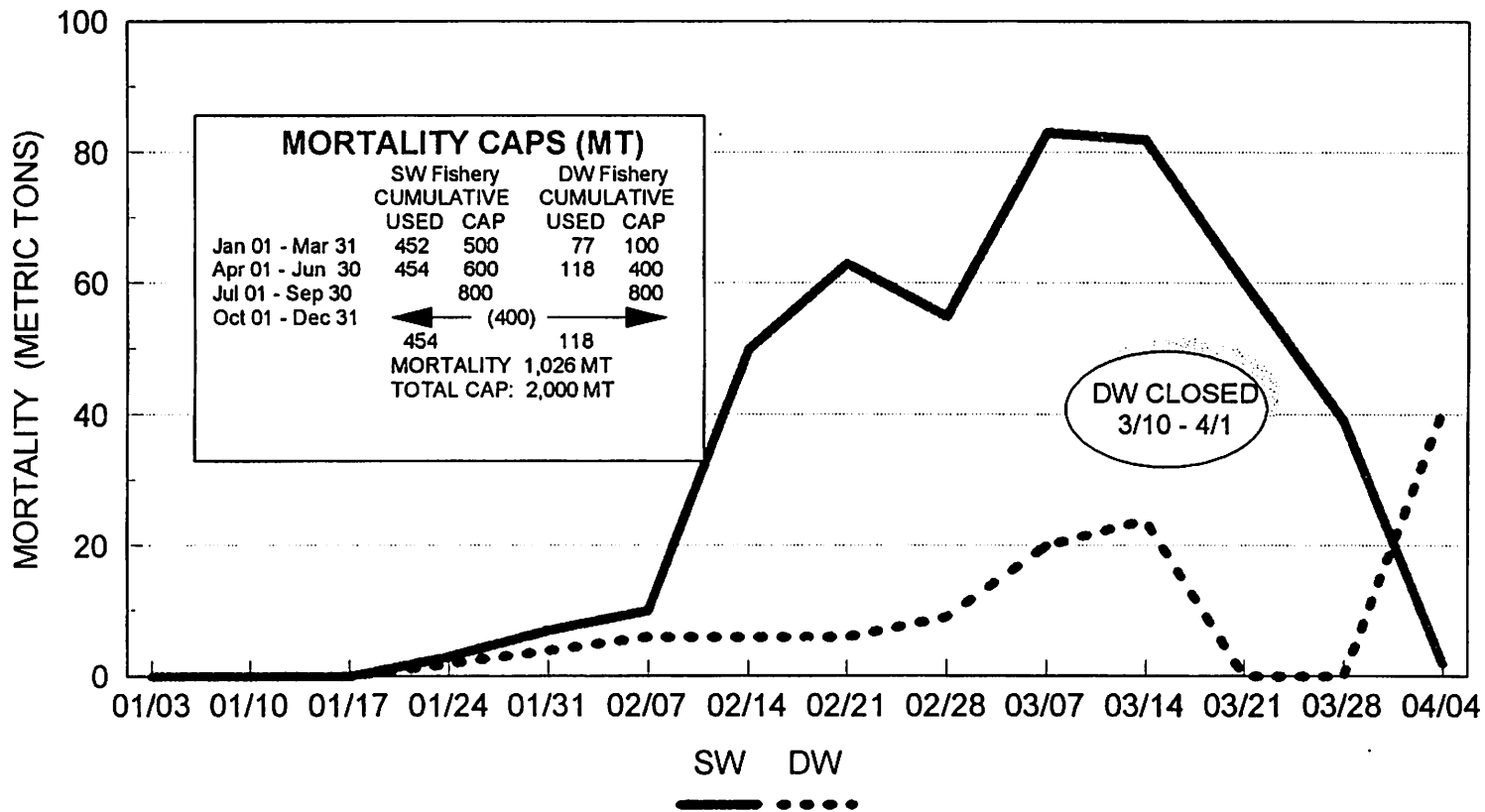
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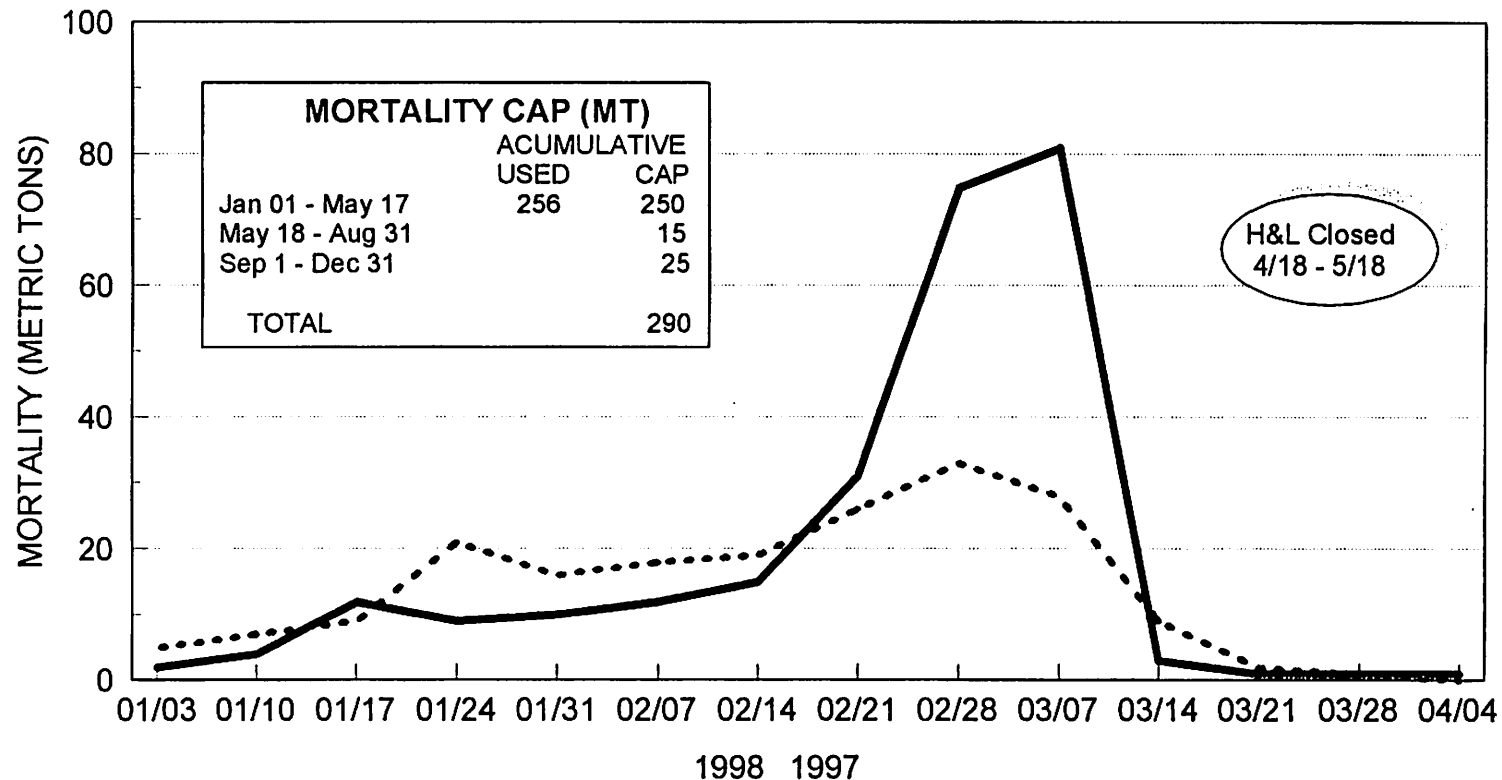
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FMP AMENDMENT	ACTION	STATUS
BSA 36/GOA 39	Management of forage fish species	Final rule effective April 16, 1998
BSA 39/GOA 41 Crab 5  Approved by NMFS on 9-12-97	Crab CDQ; Groundfish CDQ reserve; SEO trawl closure	Final rule effective March 23, 1998
	Groundfish /crab LLP	Final rule in Regional review
	Multispecies Groundfish CDQ	Final rule in NMFS Hqtrs. review
GOA 46	Remove black & blue rockfish from the FMP	Final rule effective April 6, 1998
BSA 50/GOA 50	Halibut donation program	Final rule in Regional review
Scallop FMP Amendment 3	Delegate management authority to the State of Alaska	Proposed rule published April 16, 1998 (63 FR 18863). Comment period through June 1, 1998
BSA 52/GOA 52	Vessel registration	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
BSA /GOA ?	North Pacific Sablefish IFQ Loan Prog.	Proposed rule being prepared in Reg. Office

REGULATORY AMENDMENTS		STATUS
At sea scale certification program	Approval	Final rule published Feb 4, 1998 (63 FR 5836)
	Notice of program implementation	Published March 23, 1998 (63 FR 13798)
Notice of Council's intent for charterboat halibut GH1		Notice of inquiry published March 10, 1998
Withdrawal of proposed rule to revise "surviving spouse" transfer provisions for IFQ program		Withdrawal published March 18, 1998 (63 FR 13151)
1998 final groundfish specs	BSAI Groundfish	Effective March 11, 1998 (63 FR 12689)
	GOA Groundfish	Effective March 9, 1998 (63 FR 12027)

Regulatory Amendments (Cont.)	
Seabird avoidance measures in the Pacific halibut fishery	Effective April 6, 1998 (63 FR 11161)
Reduce MRB percentage for shortraker/rougheye in the AI	Effective April 30, 1998 (63 FR 15334)
Revision of 1998 recordkeeping and reporting requirements	Final rule in Regional review
Revision of halibut catch sharing plan for Area 4	Effective 3/15/98 (63 FR 13001)
Allow retention of undersized halibut in the CDQ fishery	Final rule in NMFS Hqtrs. review
Establish minimum percentage of vessel ownership for non-corporate entities to use hired skippers in the IFQ fisheries	Proposed rule in NMFS Hqtrs. review
Adjustment of GOA pollock seasonal harvest limits	Proposed rule being reviewed by DOC
Sitka area halibut management plan	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
IFQ/CDQ fee collection program	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
Stand down provision for vessels moving between the BSAI and GOA	Proposed rule being prepared in Region
Electronic reporting	Proposed rule being prepared by Region
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	TOTAL CATCH	QUOTA	REMAINING QUOTA	% TAKEN	LAST WK CATCH
<b>WEST. CENT PLCK</b>					
Pollock 610	6,438	7,450	1,012	86	0
Pollock 620	12,299	12,510	211	98	1
Pollock 630	9,221	9,830	609	94	8
<b>WESTERN GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	1,347	5,000	3,653	27	0
Deep Water Flatfish	2	340	338	1	0
Shallow Water Flatfish	216	4,500	4,284	5	0
Flathead Sole	431	2,000	1,569	22	0
Rex Sole	238	1,190	952	20	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	22	1,810	1,788	1	0
Shortraker/Rougheye	4	160	156	3	0
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	34	620	586	5	0
Northern Rockfish	48	840	792	6	0
Other Rockfish	2	20	18	10	0
Pacific Cod - Inshore	19,341	20,853	1,512	93	0
Pacific Cod - Offshore	60	2,317	2,257	3	0
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	1,472	1,472	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	2	368	366	1	0
Thornyhead	10	250	240	4	0
<b>CENTRAL GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	2,703	25,000	22,297	11	1,058
Deep Water Flatfish	1,129	3,690	2,561	31	807
Shallow Water Flatfish	1,375	12,950	11,575	11	48
Flathead Sole	400	5,000	4,600	8	32
Rex Sole	1,223	5,490	4,267	22	497
Pacific Ocean Perch	67	6,600	6,533	1	7
Shortraker/Rougheye	69	970	901	7	39
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	111	3,260	3,149	3	3
Northern Rockfish	84	4,150	4,066	2	13
Other Rockfish	44	650	606	7	1
Pacific Cod - Inshore	32,095	37,548	5,453	85	114
Pacific Cod - Offshore	957	4,172	3,215	23	906
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	183	5,056	4,873	4	83
Sablefish (Trawl)	171	1,264	1,093	14	120
Thornyhead	108	710	602	15	77
<b>EASTERN GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	3	5,000	4,997	0	0
Deep Water Flatfish	0	3,140	3,140	0	0
Shallow Water Flatfish	3	1,180	1,177	0	0
Flathead Sole	1	2,040	2,039	0	0
Rex Sole	0	2,470	2,470	0	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	1	2,366	2,365	0	0
Shortraker/Rougheye	46	460	414	10	6
Other Rockfish	13	1,500	1,487	1	1
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	19	1,000	981	2	0
Pacific Cod - Inshore	486	1,053	567	46	22
Pacific Cod - Offshore	0	117	117	0	0
Pollock	6,327	5,580	-747	113	0
Northern Rockfish	0	10	10	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	298	298	0	0
Thornyhead	9	1,040	1,031	1	3
<b>WEST YAKUTAT</b>					
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	200	2,175	1,975	9	56
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>					
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	161	237	76	68	1
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	238	3,487	3,249	7	76
<b>GOA</b>					
Other Species	2,083	15,570	13,487	13	79
Atka Mackerel	0	600	600	0	0
<b>TOTALS:</b>					
	100,024	237,363	137,339	42	4,059

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<b>BERING SEA</b>					
Other Rockfish	21	314	293	7	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	30	1,190	1,160	3	0
Other Red Rockfish	11	227	216	5	0
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	0	828	828	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	3	553	550	1	2
Greenland Turbot	132	8,543	8,411	2	30
Pollock - Inshore	166,090	161,713	-4,377	103	234
Pollock - Offshore	313,007	300,324	-12,683	104	520
<b>ALEUTIAN ISLANDS</b>					
Other Rockfish	130	582	452	22	4
Pacific Ocean Perch, East	351	2,840	2,489	12	2
Pacific Ocean Perch, Cent	678	3,192	2,514	21	0
Pacific Ocean Perch, West	186	5,162	4,976	4	23
Sharpchin/Northern	1,500	3,596	2,096	42	77
Shortraker/Rougheye	168	820	652	20	7
Atka Mackerel - Eastern	11,408	13,656	2,248	84	1,247
- Jig	0	127	127	0	0
Atka Mackerel - Central	19,690	20,720	1,030	95	0
Atka Mackerel - Western	6,855	24,975	18,120	27	227
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	1	520	519	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	293	293	0	0
Greenland Turbot	14	4,208	4,194	0	1
Pollock - Inshore	7,230	7,705	475	94	0
Pollock - Offshore	14,114	14,310	196	99	2
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Arrowtooth Flounder	1,749	13,600	11,851	13	248
Flathead Sole	7,448	85,000	77,552	9	1,154
Other Flatfish	5,561	76,019	70,458	7	505
Other Species	10,854	21,930	11,076	49	927
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/P)	23,408	45,649	22,241	51	317
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/V)	34,251	45,649	11,398	75	3,471
Pacific Cod (Fixed Gear)	53,156	70,735	17,579	75	3,949
Pacific Cod (Jig)	21	3,885	3,864	1	0
Rock Sole	24,904	85,000	60,096	29	447
Squid	237	1,675	1,438	14	0
Yellowfin Sole	29,041	187,000	157,959	16	2,410
<b>BOGOSLOF</b>					
Pollock - Inshore	0	298	298	0	0
Pollock - Offshore	0	553	553	0	0
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>732,249</b>	<b>1,213,391</b>	<b>481,142</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15,804</b>

1998 STATUS OF DAP FISHERIES IN THE  
GULF OF ALASKA

FL	CURRENT STATUS (see footnotes)	EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>WESTERN GULF (3) (4) (5) (7)</b>		
Arrowtooth flounder	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Deep water flatfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Shallow water flatfish	OPEN	01/01/98
Flathead Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
Rex Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Shortraker/Rougheye	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Northern rockfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Other rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific cod		
Inshore	BYCATCH	03/03/98
Offshore	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pelagic shelf rockfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Sablefish (hook & line) (7)		
IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98
Sablefish (trawl)	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Thornyhead	BYCATCH	01/01/98
<b>Regulatory Area 610 (3) (4) (7)</b>		
Pollock		
Inshore	BYCATCH	01/26/98
Offshore	BYCATCH	01/01/98
<b>Regulatory Area 620 (3) (4) (7)</b>		
Inshore	BYCATCH	02/07/98
Offshore	BYCATCH	01/01/98
<b>Regulatory Area 630 (3) (4) (7)</b>		
Pollock		
Inshore	BYCATCH	02/02/98
Offshore	BYCATCH	01/01/98
<b>CENTRAL GULF (3) (4) (5) (7)</b>		
Arrowtooth flounder	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Deep water flatfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Shallow water flatfish	OPEN	01/01/98
Flathead Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
Rex Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Shortraker/Rougheye	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Northern rockfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Other rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific cod		
Inshore	BYCATCH	03/10/98
Offshore	OPEN	04/06/98
Pelagic shelf rockfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Sablefish (hook & line)		
IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98
Sablefish (trawl)	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Thornyhead	BYCATCH	01/01/98
<b>WESTERN BERING SEA (3) (4) (5) (7)</b>		
Sablefish (hook & line)		
IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98
<b>SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (3) (4) (5) (7)</b>		
Sablefish (hook & line)		

IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98

EASTERN GULF (3) (4) (6) (7)

Arrowtooth flounder	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Deep water flatfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Shallow water flatfish	OPEN	01/01/98
Flathead Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
Rex Sole	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	04/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Shortraker/Rougheye	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Northern Rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Other rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific cod		
Inshore	OPEN	01/01/98
Offshore	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pelagic shelf rockfish	OPEN	01/01/98
	BYCATCH (NPT, PTR)	01/01/98
Pollock		
Inshore	PSC	04/18/98
Offshore	PSC	04/18/98
Sablefish (trawl)	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Thornyhead	BYCATCH	01/01/98

SOUTHEAST (3) (4) (6) (7)

Demersal shelf rockfish (2)           Contact ADF&G 907-747-6638.

ENTIRE GULF OF ALASKA (3) (4) (7)

Other Species	OPEN	01/01/98
Atka Mackerel	BYCATCH	01/01/98

NOTES:

- (1) STATUS refers to all gears and reporting areas for each fishery unless otherwise noted.
  - OPEN = Directed fishery open as noted. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) and (f).
  - BYCATCH = Directed fishery closed. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) and (f).
  - PSC = Species must be treated in the same manner as a prohibited species. Defined at 50 CFR 679.21(b).
  - CLOSED = as noted
- (2) Contact ADF&G 907-747-6688 (SITKA) OR 907-772-3801 (PETERSBURG)
- (3) Areas around Steller sea lion rookeries and certain walrus sites closed.
- (4) Trawling in the BSAI and GOA is closed from January 1, until noon on January 20, 1998. All directed fishing for rockfish of the genus Sebastes and Sebastolobus in the GOA with trawl gear is closed until the initiation of the third quarter on July 1, 1998.
- (5) Retention of sablefish by vessels using hook-and-line gear not possessing IFQ quota share is prohibited.
- (6) Closure of the Southeast Outside District to fishing with trawl gear is effective March 23, 1998.
- (7) Directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using hook-and-line gear, except for sablefish or demersal shelf rockfish, in the GOA is prohibited April 18, 1998, until May 18, 1998.

1998 STATUS OF DAP FISHERIES IN THE  
BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

FISHERY	CURRENT STATUS (see footnotes)	EFFECTIVE DATE
BERING SEA (2) (4) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13)		
Other rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Other Red Rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pollock Inshore (9)	BYCATCH	02/26/98
Pollock Offshore (7,9)	BYCATCH	02/20/98
Sablefish (fixed gear) (8)		
IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98
Sablefish (trawl)	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Greenland Turbot	BYCATCH	01/01/98
BOGOSLOF DISTRICT (9) (10) (11) (12) (13)		
Pollock	BYCATCH	01/01/98
ALEUTIAN ISLANDS (4) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13)		
Other rockfish	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch-Western	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch_Central	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pacific Ocean Perch-Eastern	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Sharpchin-Northern	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Shortraker-Rougheye	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Pollock Inshore (9)	BYCATCH	03/13/98
Pollock Offshore (7,9)	BYCATCH	02/23/98
Sablefish (fixed gear) (8)		
IFQ	OPEN	03/15/98
NON-IFQ	PSC	01/01/98
Sablefish (trawl)	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Greenland Turbot	BYCATCH	01/01/98
B. SEA (4) (10) (11) (12) (13)		
Atka Mackerel	BYCATCH	02/02/98
EASTERN ALEUTIAN DISTRICT (4) (10) (11) (12)		
Atka Mackerel	BYCATCH	02/02/98
CENTRAL ALEUTIAN DISTRICT (4) (10) (11) (12)		
Atka Mackerel	BYCATCH	03/31/98
WESTERN ALEUTIAN DISTRICT (4) (10) (11) (12)		
Atka Mackerel	OPEN	01/01/98
BERING SEA & ALEUTIANS (2) (4) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13)		
Arrowtooth flounder	BYCATCH	01/01/98
Flathead sole (12)	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	03/30/98
Other Flatfishes (12)	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	03/30/98
Other species	OPEN	01/01/98
Pacific cod (trawl)	OPEN (catcher processor)	01/20/98
Pacific cod (trawl)	OPEN (catcher vessel)	01/20/98
Pacific cod (fixed gear)	OPEN	01/01/98
Pacific cod (jig)	OPEN	01/01/98
Rock sole (12)	OPEN	01/01/98
	OPEN (NPT, PTR)	03/30/98
Squid	OPEN	01/01/98
Yellowfin sole	OPEN	01/01/98

NOTES:

(1) STATUS refers to all gears and reporting areas for each fishery unless otherwise noted.

OPEN = Directed fishery open as noted. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) (f).

BYCATCH = Directed fishery closed. Defined at:  
\* 50 CFR 679.20(e) for groundfish TAC closures  
\*\* 50 CFR 679.21(e) for closures due to prohibited species catch.

PSC = Groundfish must be treated in the same manner as a



prohibited species. Defined at 50 CFR 679.21(b),  
CLOSED = as noted.

- (2) 512 closed to all trawl gear.  
516 closed to all trawl gear March 15 until June 15
- (3) GEARS:  
H&L = Hook-and-Line                    • POT = Pots  
NPT = Non-Pelagic Trawl                PTR = Pelagic Trawl  
JIG = Jig / troll                        OTH = other gear types
- (4) Areas around Steller sea lion rookeries are closed.
- (5) Bycatch limitation zones:  
ZONE 1 = Areas: 508+509+512+516  
ZONE 2 = Areas: 513+517+521  
ZONE 2H = Area 517
- (6) Trawling for the Greenland Turbot/Arrowtooth flounder/Sablefish and the rockfish fishery categories in the Bering Sea is closed under the Harvest Specifications.
- (7) 1998 "A" season offshore pollock fishery in the BSAI is delayed from 1/20/98 to 1/26/98.
- (8) Retention of sablefish by vessels using fixed gear not possessing IFQ quota share is prohibited.
- (9) Trawling in the BSAI and GOA is closed from January 1, until noon on January 20, 1998.
- (10) Pribilof Island Area Habitat Conservation Zone is closed for trawl gear.
- (11) The Chum Salmon Savings Area is closed for all trawling by regulation from August 1 through August 31, 1998.
- (12) The Red King Crab Savings Area is closed to vessels using non-pelagic trawl gear. The Red King Crab Savings Subarea is open with the filing in the Federal Register of the Final 1998 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish, March 11, 1998.
- (13) Rock sole/flathead sole/"other flatfish" for trawl gear is on bycatch in the Winter Herring Savings Area, September 1 through March 1, 1998.

1998 GULF OF ALASKA REPORT ON DAP HARVEST  
BY GEAR TYPE

Data are from Weekly Production and Observer Reports through 04/11/98

	TRAWL	H&L	POT	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>WEST, CENT PLCK</b>					
Pollock 610	6,432	6	0	0	6,438
Pollock 620	12,298	0	0	0	12,298
Pollock 630	9,159	57	5	0	9,221
<b>WESTERN GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	1,343	3	0	0	1,346
Deep Water Flatfish	2	0	0	0	2
Shallow Water Flatfish	214	1	1	0	216
Flathead Sole	430	1	0	0	431
Rex Sole	238	0	0	0	238
Pacific Ocean Perch	23	0	0	0	23
Shortraker/Rougheye	3	0	0	0	3
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	33	1	0	0	34
Northern Rockfish	47	0	0	0	47
Other Rockfish	1	1	0	0	2
Pacific Cod - Inshore	14,515	3,196	1,629	0	19,340
Pacific Cod - Offshore	45	16	0	0	61
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	2	0	0	0	2
Thornyhead	9	0	0	0	9
<b>CENTRAL GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	2,655	47	1	0	2,703
Deep Water Flatfish	1,128	0	0	0	1,128
Shallow Water Flatfish	1,315	58	2	0	1,375
Flathead Sole	378	22	0	0	400
Rex Sole	1,222	0	0	0	1,222
Pacific Ocean Perch	66	0	0	0	66
Shortraker/Rougheye	47	22	0	0	69
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	31	79	0	0	110
Northern Rockfish	83	1	0	0	84
Other Rockfish	3	42	0	0	45
Pacific Cod - Inshore	17,971	5,567	8,557	0	32,095
Pacific Cod - Offshore	957	0	0	0	957
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	183	0	0	183
Sablefish (Trawl)	170	0	0	0	170
Thornyhead	101	7	0	0	108
<b>EASTERN GULF</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	1	2	0	0	3
Deep Water Flatfish	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Water Flatfish	1	2	0	0	3
Flathead Sole	1	1	0	0	2
Rex Sole	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	1	0	0	0	1
Shortraker/Rougheye	10	36	0	0	46
Other Rockfish	2	11	0	0	13
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	19	0	0	19
Pacific Cod - Inshore	119	251	115	0	485
Pacific Cod - Offshore	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock	6,322	6	0	0	6,328
Northern Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	0	0	0	0
Thornyhead	0	9	0	0	9
<b>WEST YAKUTAT</b>					
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	201	0	0	201
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>					
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	0	161	0	0	161
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	238	0	0	238
<b>E GOA</b>					
Other Species	1,069	786	228	0	2,083
Atka Mackerel	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>78,447</b>	<b>11,033</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,018</b>

1998 BERING SEA & ALEUTIANS REPORT ON DAP HARVEST  
BY GEAR TYPE

Data are from Weekly Production and Observer Reports through 04/11/98

	TRAWL	H&L	POT	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>BERING SEA</b>					
Other Rockfish	17	3	0	0	20
Pacific Ocean Perch	30	0	0	0	30
Other Red Rockfish	9	2	0	0	11
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	3	0	0	0	3
Greenland Turbot	124	8	0	0	132
Pollock - Inshore	165,980	80	30	0	166,090
Pollock - Offshore	311,446	1,562	0	0	313,008
<b>ALEUTIAN ISLANDS</b>					
Other Rockfish	80	50	0	0	130
Pacific Ocean Perch, East	351	0	0	0	351
Pacific Ocean Perch, Cent	678	0	0	0	678
Pacific Ocean Perch, West	185	0	0	0	185
Sharpchin/Northern	1,478	23	0	0	1,501
Shortraker/Rougheye	126	42	0	0	168
Atka Mackerel - Eastern	11,401	3	3	0	11,407
- Jig	0	0	0	0	0
Atka Mackerel - Central	19,689	1	0	0	19,690
Atka Mackerel - Western	6,855	0	0	0	6,855
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	0	1	0	0	1
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland Turbot	12	1	0	0	13
Pollock - Inshore	7,230	0	0	0	7,230
Pollock - Offshore	14,111	3	0	0	14,114
<b>BERING SEA &amp; ALEUTIANS</b>					
Arrowtooth Flounder	1,528	221	0	0	1,749
Flathead Sole	7,271	177	0	0	7,448
Other Flatfish	5,556	4	0	0	5,560
Other Species	4,451	6,359	44	0	10,854
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/P)	23,409	0	0	0	23,409
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/V)	34,251	0	0	0	34,251
Pacific Cod (Fixed Gear)	0	51,356	1,800	0	53,156
Pacific Cod (Jig)	0	21	0	0	21
Rock Sole	24,888	16	0	0	24,904
Squid	237	0	0	0	237
Yellowfin Sole	29,026	15	0	0	29,041
<b>BOGOSLOF</b>					
Pollock - Inshore	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock - Offshore	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>670,422</b>	<b>59,948</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>732,247</b>

1998 GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH DISCARDS IN ROUND METRIC TONS

Data are from Weekly Production and Observer Reports through 04/11/98

	SHORESIDE			MOTHERSHIP		CATCHER-PROC	
	TOTAL CATCH	AT-SEA DISC	PLANT DISC	TOTAL CATCH	DISC	TOTAL CATCH	DISC
<b>WEST, CENT PLCK</b>							
Pollock 610	5767	151	0	345	0	326	7
Pollock 620	12292	62	0	0	0	7	3
Pollock 630	9211	55	0	0	0	9	0
<b>WESTERN GULF</b>							
Arrowtooth Flounder	273	270	0	0	0	1074	1064
Deep Water Flatfish	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Water Flatfish	173	168	0	0	0	43	6
Flathead Sole	37	31	0	0	0	394	75
Rex Sole	5	5	0	0	0	232	7
Pacific Ocean Perch	19	19	0	0	0	4	4
Shortraker/Rougheye	1	1	0	0	0	3	0
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	34	34	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockfish	46	45	0	0	0	2	2
Other Rockfish	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Cod - Inshore	16107	113	0	0	0	3233	232
Pacific Cod - Offshore	0	0	0	1	0	59	16
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thornyhead	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
<b>CENTRAL GULF</b>							
Arrowtooth Flounder	889	782	0	4	4	1807	1782
Deep Water Flatfish	1075	12	0	0	0	54	42
Shallow Water Flatfish	1347	133	0	3	3	25	18
Flathead Sole	282	56	0	1	1	116	11
Rex Sole	110	5	0	0	0	1112	5
Pacific Ocean Perch	14	12	0	0	0	52	49
Shortraker/Rougheye	48	27	0	0	0	20	1
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	108	28	0	0	0	3	3
Northern rockfish	62	40	0	0	0	22	21
Other Rockfish	44	17	0	0	0	1	1
Pacific Cod - Inshore	31829	543	0	0	0	198	22
Pacific Cod - Offshore	0	0	0	362	43	595	26
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	129	2	0	0	0	48	2
Sablefish (Trawl)	130	48	0	0	0	41	5
Thornyhead	80	30	0	0	0	28	1
<b>EASTERN GULF</b>							
Arrowtooth Flounder	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Deep Water Flatfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Water Flatfish	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Sole	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rex Sole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shortraker/Rougheye	46	7	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rockfish	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Cod - Inshore	485	4	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Cod - Offshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock	6327	13	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thornyhead	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>WEST YAKUTAT</b>							
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	195	0	0	0	0	6	0
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>							
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	161	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	229	1	0	0	0	9	0
<b>BOA</b>							
Species	1781	1356	0	0	0	301	301
Atka Mackerel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS:</b>							
	89391	4080	0	716	51	9833	3707

1998 BERING SEA & ALEUTIANS GROUND FISH DISCARDS IN ROUND METRIC TONS  
Data are from Weekly Production and Observer Reports through 04/11/98

	SHORESIDE			MOTHERSHIP		CATCHER-PROC	
	TOTAL CATCH	AT-SEA DISC	PLANT DISC	TOTAL CATCH	DISC	TOTAL CATCH	DISC
<b>BERING SEA</b>							
Other Rockfish	8	6	0	0	0	12	8
Pacific Ocean Perch	0	0	0	0	0	29	27
Other Red Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	11	8
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Greenland Turbot	5	3	0	18	17	109	52
Pollock - Inshore	165351	1990	0	0	0	721	110
Pollock - Offshore	0	0	0	69117	159	243890	6129
<b>ALEUTIAN ISLANDS</b>							
Other Rockfish	0	0	0	14	14	116	90
Pacific Ocean Perch, East	3	0	0	1	1	346	80
Pacific Ocean Perch, Cent	1	0	0	1	1	676	271
Pacific Ocean Perch, West	1	0	0	0	0	185	92
Sharpchin/Northern	0	0	0	67	67	1434	1353
Shortraker/Rougheye	0	0	0	2	2	166	50
Atka Mackerel - Eastern	4	4	0	8	8	11396	1290
- Jig	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atka Mackerel - Central	0	0	0	1	1	19689	2539
Atka Mackerel - Western	0	0	0	0	0	6855	313
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland Turbot	0	0	0	1	1	12	12
Pollock - Inshore	7230	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock - Offshore	0	0	0	81	44	14032	11
<b>BERING SEA &amp; ALEUTIANS</b>							
Arrowtooth Flounder	64	60	0	32	31	1653	1454
Flathead Sole	527	484	0	87	83	6831	2275
Other Flatfish	214	141	0	11	11	5335	4851
Other Species	822	819	0	150	148	9882	9078
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/P)	0	0	0	0	0	23409	502
Pacific Cod (Trawl - C/V)	26583	145	1	7668	91	0	0
Pacific Cod (Fixed Gear)	1519	34	0	203	0	51434	1809
Pacific Cod (Jig)	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Sole	2021	1988	0	186	196	22693	11361
Squid	5	3	0	3	2	229	152
Yellowfin Sole	124	91	0	1	1	28916	5585
<b>BOGOSLOF</b>							
Pollock - Inshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pollock - Offshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS:</b>							
	204503	5769	1	77652	868	450065	49504

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1998 GULF OF ALASKA FISHERIES  
TRAWL HALIBUT BYCATCH MORTALITY (METRIC TONS)  
Week Ending: 04/11/98

WED	SHALLOW WATER COMPLEX		DEEP WATER COMPLEX		GRAND TOTAL
	WEEK TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL	WEEK TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL	
01/24/98	3	3	2	2	4
01/31/98	7	10	4	6	16
02/07/98	10	20	6	12	32
02/14/98	50	70	6	18	88
02/21/98	63	133	6	24	157
02/28/98	57	190	9	33	223
03/07/98	84	274	20	53	327
03/14/98	81	355	24	76	431
03/21/98	60	415	0	76	491
03/28/98	39	454	0	77	530
04/04/98	2	456	50	126	583
04/11/98	38	494	116	243	737
INTERIM CAP: 600		INTERIM CAP: 400			
% OF CAP: 82%		% OF CAP: 61%			
REMAINING: 106		REMAINING: 157			

SEASONAL HALIBUT BYCATCH MORTALITY CAPS

SEASON	SHALLOW COMPLEX	DEEP COMPLEX	TOTAL
Jan 01 - Mar 31	500 MT	100 MT	600 MT
Apr 01 - Jun 30	100 MT	300 MT	400 MT
Jul 01 - Sep 30	200 MT	400 MT	600 MT
Oct 01 - Dec 31	- No Apportionment -	-	400 MT
TOTALS	800 MT	800 MT	2000 MT

Balance of 4th Quarter available for all trawl fisheries

Shallow Water Complex = pollock, Pacific cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, and "other species."  
Deep Water Complex = sablefish, rockfish, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and deep-water flatfish.

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HOOK & LINE HALIBUT BYCATCH MORTALITY (METRIC TONS)  
Week Ending: 04/11/98

OTHER HOOK & LINE  
FISHERIES

WED	WEEKLY	TOTAL
01/03/98	2	2
01/10/98	4	5
01/17/98	12	17
01/24/98	9	26
01/31/98	10	36
02/07/98	12	48
02/14/98	15	63
02/21/98	31	94
02/28/98	75	169
03/07/98	81	250
03/14/98	3	252
03/21/98	1	253
03/28/98	1	254
04/04/98	1	256
04/11/98	0	256
CAP:		250
% OF SEASONAL CAP:		102%
REMAINING:		-6

1998 HOOK-AND-LINE GROUND FISH FISHERIES HALIBUT MORTALITY CAPS

SEASON	OTHER HOOK AND LINE FISHERIES
Jan 01 - May 17	250 MT
May 18 - Aug 31	15 MT
Sep 15 - Dec 31	25 MT
Annual Total:	290 MT

Sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut bycatch restrictions.  
Other hook and line fisheries are all H&L fisheries except  
sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast District.

Halibut mortality for the demersal shelf rockfish fishery,  
Southeast District is not listed due to insufficient observer  
coverage.

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1998 GULF OF ALASKA FISHERIES  
CHINOOK & OTHER SALMON BYCATCH  
Week Ending:04/11/98

TRAWL GEAR

WEEK	CHINOOK SALMON		'OTHER' SALMON	
	WEEKLY NUMBER	CUMULATIVE NUMBER	WEEKLY NUMBER	CUMULATIVE NUMBER
01/24	454	454	53	53
01/31	719	1,172	53	105
02/07	490	1,662	105	210
02/14	320	1,982	54	264
02/21	145	2,127	1	265
02/28	139	2,265	3	268
03/07	470	2,735	7	275
03/14	366	3,102	64	339
03/21	3	3,105	78	417
03/28	76	3,181	24	441
04/04	220	3,400	5	445
04/11	312	3,713	2	447

NOTE: No PSC Limits apply to salmon.

Data based on observer reports, extrapolated to total groundfish harvest. Estimates for all weeks may change due to incorporation of late or corrected data.



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1998 BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS FISHERIES  
PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH  
Week Ending: 04/11/98

TRAWL HERRING, BSAI

Fishery group	Herring (mt)	Cap (mt)	%
Midwater pollock	12	1,146	1%
Pacific cod	0	20	1%
Yellowfin sole	0	248	0%
Rockfish	0	0	0%
Other	0	143	0%
Total:	13	1,557	1%

TRAWL SALMON, BSAI

Fishery group	Chinook (#'s)	Other (#'s)	Total (#'s)
Midwater pollock	16,223	5,093	21,316
Bottom pollock	0	0	0
Pacific cod	2,586	121	2,707
Yellowfin sole	0	0	0
Rock sole/Other flatfish	228	0	228
Rockfish	0	0	0
Other	426	0	426
Seasonal Total:	19,464	5,214	24,678

TRAWL BAIRDI TANNER CRAB

Fishery group	ZONE 1			ZONE 2		
	Crabs (#'s)	Cap (#'s)	%	Crabs (#'s)	Cap (#'s)	%
Rock sole/Other flatfish	206,904	273,848	76%	75,250	330,225	23%
Pacific cod	61,378	123,232	50%	25,387	180,375	14%
Yellowfin sole	90,312	255,592	35%	128,702	990,675	13%
Pollock/AMCK/Other species	6,125	41,077	15%	87	434,750	0%
Rockfish	0	0	0%	0	6,475	0%
GTRB/ARTH/SABL	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total:	364,720	693,749	53%	229,427	1,942,500	12%

TRAWL C. OPILIO TANNER CRAB in the COBLZ AREA

Fishery group	Crabs (#'s)	Cap (#'s)	%
Rock sole/Other flatfish	58,965		
Pacific cod	22,857		
Yellowfin sole	154,930		
Pollock/AMCK/Other species	0		
Rockfish	0		
GTRB/ARTH/SABL	0		
Total:	236,752	4,304,950	5%

TRAWL RED KING CRAB

Fishery group	ZONE 1		
	Crabs (#'s)	Cap (#'s)	%
Rock sole/Other flatfish	13,583	69,375	20%
Pacific cod	2,567	6,938	3%
Yellowfin sole	298	9,250	3%
Pollock/AMCK/Other species	1,684	6,938	24%
Total:	18,131	92,501	20%

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1998 BERING SEA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS FISHERIES  
 TRAWL HALIBUT BYCATCH MORTALITY (METRIC TONS)

	PACIFIC COD	YELLOWFIN SOLE	ROCK SOLE/ FLATHEAD SOLE/ OTHER FLATFISH	PLCK/AMCK/ OTHER	ARROWTOOTH/ SABLEFISH/ ROCKFISH TURBOT	
01/24/98	61	0	25	17	0	0
01/31/98	38	24	52	7	0	0
02/07/98	24	9	25	15	0	0
02/14/98	53	0	68	2	0	0
02/21/98	41	0	55	19	0	0
02/28/98	50	7	123	1	0	0
03/07/98	92	23	105	1	0	0
03/14/98	205	33	6	1	0	0
03/21/98	121	111	2	0	0	0
03/28/98	67	26	13	0	0	0
04/04/98	30	6	17	0	0	0
04/11/98	74	8	18	0	0	0
	855	247	510	63	0	0
SEASONAL						
CAP:	1,434	458	569	278	0	0
% OF CAP:	60%	54%	90%	23%	0%	0%
REMAINING:	579	211	59	215	0	0
ANNUAL CAP:1,434						
% OF CAP:	60%	27%	69%	20%	0%	0%

TOTAL HALIBUT MORTALITY : 1,675  
 TOTAL FINAL HALIBUT CAP : 2,739

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1998 BERING SEA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS FISHERIES  
FIXED GEAR HALIBUT BYCATCH MORTALITY (METRIC TONS)

WED	PACIFIC COD HOOK & LINE		OTHER SPECIES HOOK & LINE, JIG		ALL GROUND FISH POT GEAR	
	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL
01/03/98	15	15	0	0	0	0
01/10/98	33	49	0	0	0	0
01/17/98	14	63	0	0	0	0
01/24/98	17	80	0	0	0	0
01/31/98	14	95	0	0	0	0
02/07/98	18	113	0	0	0	0
02/14/98	14	126	0	0	0	0
02/21/98	17	143	0	0	0	0
02/28/98	14	157	0	0	0	0
03/07/98	13	169	0	0	0	0
03/14/98	16	185	0	0	0	0
03/21/98	12	198	0	0	0	1
03/28/98	7	205	0	0	0	1
04/04/98	7	212	0	0	1	2
04/11/98	15	227	0	0	2	4

PCOD SEASONAL CAP: 458      OTHER SEASONAL CAP: 56      Pot gear is exempt  
% OF SEASONAL CAP: 49%      % OF SEASONAL CAP: 0%      from bycatch allowances

REMAINING PCOD: 231      REMAINING OTHER: 56

1998 BSAI NON-TRAWL PACIFIC COD FISHERY HALIBUT BYCATCH ALLOWANCES

(Jan 01 - Apr 30)	458 MT
(May 01 - Aug 31)	37 MT
(Sep 15 - Dec 31)	282 MT
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Annual Total	777 MT

Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands  
Number of Processors by Groundfish Target  
for Week Ending 04/11/98

Target	Shore- side	Mother- ship	C/P Trawl	C/P H&L, POT
A	0	0	2	0
B	0	0	1	0
C	7	3	2	27
F	0	0	0	0
K	0	0	0	0
L	0	0	7	0
O	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	0	0
R	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0
T	0	0	0	0
W	0	0	0	0
Y	0	0	6	0

Gulf of Alaska  
Number of Processors by Groundfish Target  
for Week Ending 04/11/98

Target	Shore- side	Mother- ship	C/P Trawl	C/P H&L, POT
A	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0	0
C	10	3	4	0
D	6	0	0	0
H	1	0	0	0
I	8	0	0	0
J	0	0	0	0
K	9	0	0	0
P	0	0	0	0
S	9	0	0	1
W	0	0	0	0
X	0	0	7	0

Groundfish tons is total of all allocated groundfish species harvested in the target fishery.

The KEY is composed of a target fishery, the zone (subarea), and the processing mode. Targets and modes are defined below.

1998 Groundfish Targets:

A	Atka Mackerel	BSAI,GOA
B	Pollock -- bottom*	BSAI,GOA
C	Pacific Cod	BSAI,GOA
D	Deep Water Flatfish*	GOA
F	Other Flatfish*	BSAI
H	Shallow Water Flatfish*	GOA
K	Rockfish	BSAI,GOA
L	Flathead sole	BSAI,GOA
O	'Other'	BSAI,GOA
P	Pollock - midwater*	BSAI,GOA
R	Rock Sole	BSAI
S	Sablefish	BSAI,GOA
T	Greenland turbot	BSAI
W	Arrowtooth Flounder	BSAI,GOA
X	Rex sole	GOA
Y	Yellowfin sole	BSAI

\* Rock targets defined by catch composition, not reported gear type.  
\* Deep Water Flatfish includes Dover sole and Greenland turbot.

\* Shallow Water Flatfish includes flatfish not including Deep Water Flatfish, Flathead sole, Rex sole, or Arrowtooth Flounder.

\* Other Flatfish includes all flatfish species except for Pacific Halibut (a prohibited species) and all other flatfish species that have a separate specified TAC amount.

Modes

M : Mothership

P : Catcher/Processor

S : Shore Plant





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Dear Rick,

Bycatch rate standards for trawl fisheries under the Pacific halibut and red king crab vessel incentive program during the second half of 1998 are scheduled to be published in the Federal Register by July 1, 1998. A summary of 1994 - 1998 observer data on fishery bycatch rates is listed in the attached table for review by the Council. Recent halibut and crab bycatch rates in the groundfish trawl fisheries do not appear to warrant a change in the bycatch rate standards recommended by the Council during the past several years. Unless the Council recommends a change in these standards, we will continue to use the halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards listed in the attached table for the second half of 1998.

Sincerely,

Steven Pennoyer  
Administrator, Alaska Region

Attachment



1994 - 1998 (through Mar. 1998) observed bycatch rates, by quarter, of halibut and red king crab in the fishery categories included in the vessel incentive program. Also listed are the bycatch rate standards established since 1995.

**Halibut Bycatch (Kilograms Halibut/metric ton Allocated Groundfish Catch)**

<u>Fishery and quarter</u>	<u>Bycatch Rate Standards</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
BSAI Midwater Pollock						
QT 1	1	0.17	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.02
QT 2	1	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.4	
QT 3	1	0.3	0.12	0.09	0.1	
QT 4	1	0.06	0.19	0.21	0.1	
Year to date	1	0.22	0.09	0.12	0.1	
BSAI Bottom Pollock						
QT 1	7.5	2.71	1.93	2.22	1.4	7.1
QT 2	5	29.67	5.5	12.84	0.0	
QT 3	5	2.61	1.98	0.41	1.4	
QT 4	5	0.38	0.14	0.64	0.4	
Year to date		2.66	1.92	1.4	1.3	
BSAI Yellowfin sole						
QT 1	5	2.7	3.67	2.89	6.5	9.4
QT 2	5	5.93	4.54	4.19	5.1	
QT 3	5	1.15	2.93	6.86	2.6	
QT 4	5	4.57	4.49	12.41	4.1	
Year to date		3.92	3.67	5.25	4.1	
BSAI Other Trawl Fisheries						
QT 1	30	9.02	11.27	10.66	8.9	12.3
QT 2	30	19.94	16.93	12.71	10.3	
QT 3	30	3.3	10.33	6.37	21.2	
QT 4	30	4	21.23	34.24	3.1	
Year to date		12.04	12.96	11.18	10.33	
GOA Midwater Pollock						
QT 1	1	0.06	0.34	0.26	0.0	0.16
QT 2	1	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.1	
QT 3	1	0.55	0.54	0.03	0.1	
QT 4	1	0.04	0.13	0.47	0.1	
Year to date		0.17	0.24	0.12	0.1	
GOA Other Trawl Fisheries						
QT 1	40	19.97	16.55	14.65	20.4	23.48
QT 2	40	42.78	63.93	49.01	62.4	
QT 3	40	26.49	18.48	24.71	26.0	
QT 4	40	43.76	48.33	46.9	47.9	
Year to date		29.91	28.45	27.36	31.2	

**Zone I Red King Crab Bycatch Rates  
(number of crab/mt of allocated groundfish)**

BSAI Yellowfin sole						
QT 1	2.5	0.68	0.28	0	0.1	0.02
QT 2	2.5	0.23	0.02	0.01	0.1	
QT 3	2.5	0	0	0		
QT 4	2.5	0	*****	0		
Year to date		0.33	0.18	0	0.1	
BSAI Other Trawl Fisheries						
QT 1	2.5	1.78	0.31	0.14	0.1	0.05
QT 2	2.5	0.02	0	0	0.0	
QT 3	2.5	0	0	0.08	0.0	
Year to date	2.5	0	0	0	0.0	
		1.18	0.3	0.1	0.1	



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Dear Mr. <sup>Clarence</sup> Pautzke:

Your October 10, 1997, letter to Michael Grable responded to our informal request for comments about a draft advance notice of proposed rulemaking for the buyback provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It also endorsed an industry buyback initiative in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands king and tanner crab fishery.

I apologize for not having responded earlier to the Council's endorsement of the crab initiative. Since your letter, we have informally reviewed a draft buyback business plan for the crab initiative and asked the business planners to clarify or expand some aspects. We have also been working on a general rules proposal for the buyback provisions. Ted Kronmiller drafted one set of proposed rules for our consideration. Michael Grable independently drafted another. We are presently reviewing these drafts and plan to propose general buyback rules as soon as we finish our review.

We appreciate the Council's support of the crab initiative. We regard your letter as a statutory request for a buyback in this fishery. We congratulate the business planners on the energy and enterprise they have devoted to this buyback initiative. Let me assure you that the present lack of buyback rules will not defer our consideration of what we may all now regard as the crab fishery buyback proposal. The attachment indicates what we believe we need to proceed with this proposal.

I urge the Council to help the business planners move this proposal forward. We will assist the Council and the business planners by providing whatever procedural guidance and assistance





may be necessary to accommodate Council and business planner progress. Your two key NMFS contacts for this buyback proposal are Jay Ginter in our Alaska Regional Office and Michael Grable here in the Office of Sustainable Fisheries.

I believe this proposal will require extraordinary cooperation and coordination from the business planners, the Council, and NMFS. I look forward to this opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Gary*

Gary C. Matlock, P.h.D.  
Director, Office of  
Sustainable Fisheries

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(1) STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS.

(a) Improving Conservation and Management. The business plan must demonstrate, and the Council must confirm, that the buyback business plan (BBP) is necessary to prevent or end overfishing, rebuild stocks of fish, or achieve measurable and significant improvements in the conservation and management of the fishery.

The plan need only comply with one of these criteria. Does the Council believe that the BBP complies with one or more of these criteria? If so, how? If not, why not and what more does the BBP need to do in this respect?

(b) FMP Consistency. The business plan must demonstrate, and the Council must confirm, that the BBP is consistent with the fishery Management plan (FMP) for this fishery.

Does the Council believe the BBP is consistent with the FMP for this fishery? If so, how? If not, why not and what more does the BBP need to do in this respect? Does the BBP need modification to make it consistent with the FMP or does the BBP need to propose FMP amendments to make the FMP consistent with the BBP? What is the nature of any required modifications or amendments? Does the Council believe there is a strong prospect that the BBP and FMP will become consistent with one another at an appropriate point in the buyback process? Why, and how? What FMP amendments and/or BBP modifications, would most likely be required? Which are the most feasible? At what point in the buyback process would they occur? How are the business planners and the Council approaching this aspect of the buyback process?

We realize that these BBP/FMP consistency questions are difficult to answer at this point in the evolution of the FMP, let alone the buyback process itself. There is, however, little point in proceeding further with any buyback process unless both the business planners and the Council have strong reason to agree that the BBP and the FMP will, at the appropriate point in the buyback process and through whatever combination of FMP amendments and/or BBP modifications, become consistent with one another.

(c) Replacement Prevention. The business plan must demonstrate, and the Council must confirm, that, if the BBP is implemented, the FMP for this fishery will:

1. (i) Impose a moratorium on new entrants, restrict vessel upgrades, and provide other effort control measures, taking into account the full potential fishing capacity of the fishery's fleet, prevent the replacement of fishing capacity removed by the buyback, and

(ii) Establish a specified or target total allowable catch or other measures that trigger closure of the fishery or adjustments to reduce catch.

Does the Council believe that, if the buyback were to be implemented, the FMP complies with item (3) above? If so, how? If not, why not and what more does the BBP need to do in this respect? Does the BBP need to propose specific FMP amendments in this respect? Does the Council believe there is a strong prospect that the FMP can be amended, at the appropriate point in the buyback process, to comply with the requirements in item (3) above? Why, and how? What FMP amendments would most likely be required? Which are the most feasible?

(2) FMP AMENDMENT TIMING.

Few BBPs will, at the start of the buyback process be consistent with, FMPs. Many FMPs may not at the start of the buyback process initially provide adequate post-buyback safeguards. Buyback business planners and Councils must continuously consider these aspects and be prepared at every stage of the buyback process to appropriately amend BBPs, FMPs, or both.

Where a buyback requires FMP amendments (and we believe that most buybacks will), at what point in the buyback process should they most appropriately occur?

As we presently envision the industry-funded buyback process, a referendum may have to occur after we have completely developed a buyback implementation plan (BIP) but before we begin the 105-day statutory process that starts with proposing a buyback implementation rule (BIR). It might make more sense for a referendum to occur after we have proposed, but before we have

adopted, a BIR. Nevertheless, the 105-day BIR process the statute requires does not appear to provide sufficient time for a referendum between BIR proposal and BIR adoption. The only other alternative is for the referendum to occur after BIR adoption, but it may make little sense to have adopted a BIR before referendum results first demonstrated the need to have done so.

However these aspects of the evolving buyback process may eventuate, all required FMP amendments must be in place at the point at which the buyback fishery's permit holders are locked into repaying the cost of actual buyback. It seems unlikely that referendum voters will, for example, approve an industry-financed buyback unless clear provision has first been made for whatever FMP amendments might be necessary to adequately safeguard the harvesting efficiencies buyback produces. Actual buyback will not be able to start until we have determined, through a buyback bidding process, that the actual buyback will produce results within the cost/capacity specifications upon which a referendum was based. This will require buyback bids to be specifically enforceable offers to relinquish permits or permits and vessels. Otherwise, as our experience in the North Atlantic multispecies buyback has demonstrated, bid-withdrawals could rapidly increase buyback cost/capacity ratios beyond those that a referendum might have specified.

We will appreciate the Council's advice about this aspects of the crab buyback proposal. What is the appropriate point in the buyback process for the required FMP amendments to be in place? Does the length and complexity of the FMP amendment process suggest that the required FMP amendments be provisionally adopted at an appropriately early stage in the buyback process (i.e., to be void ab initio if actual buyback does not occur and effective only when it does)?

### (3) BBP ADEQUACY.

The business planners have made substantial progress. In industry-funded buybacks, BBPs will form the basis of BIPs upon which permit holders and vessel owners decide, in buyback referenda, whether to obligate their future fisheries revenues to repaying buyback costs. BBPs will also form the basis for BIRs, invitations to bid, and actual buyback activity. Because NMFS will be the buyback lender, it would be a conflict of interest

for us to also be directly involved in preparing BBPs.

Like any lender considering a prospective borrower's credit request, we need to be in the position of evaluating a borrower's business plan for an investment whose cost that borrower will be obligated to repay. The buyback borrower will, in effect, be everyone who after buyback catches and sells the buyback species. Like any other business plan, BBPs must convince the prospective buyback lender that a buyback:

- (a) Is feasible,
- (b) Can be accomplished in a known way,
- (c) Has a reliably projectable range of costs and results,
- (d) Will meet all known requirements, and
- (e) will produce a return that justifies the investment and enables loan repayment.

Although we cannot be directly involved in BBP preparation, we can assist in at least two ways. We can:

- (a) Provide the business planners with whatever fisheries data, statistics, or other disclosable information we possess that may be relevant to developing business plans; and
- (b) Evaluate BBPs and identify areas that we believe need further consideration

We are presently doing the latter with the draft crab BBP.

One of the primary hurdles in an industry-funded buyback will be the buyback borrower itself. Relevant permit and/or vessel owners must, in effect, approve the BBP by voting for a BIP that we will base on the BBP. A BBP will not succeed unless it provides referendum voters with a clear and realistic investment proposal for which at least two-thirds of them are willing to mortgage their future. This is the sine qua non of industry-funded buybacks. It should be one of the business planners' chief concerns.

This is a difficult business planning task because it involves variables that cannot be known with certainty until after buyback results are known. Until a buyback is actually attempted, no one can know with certainty how much capacity can be bought back at what buyback cost. Other loan applicants must also project variables, but these projections can often be assessed against comparable business experience. There is little experience with which to compare projections of buyback variables. Business planners should, consequently, devote particular attention to the following primary considerations:

(a) Designing a methodology best capable of buying back the most capacity at the least buyback cost, and in the shortest time;

(b) Ensuring compliance with all requirements of the buyback's statutory authority, any buyback rules that we may adopt, and the FMP;

(c) Projecting the capacity most likely to be bought back at projected buyback cost levels (or, alternatively, the most likely buyback cost of the capacity projected to be bought back);

(d) Based on the best multi-year fishing revenue/expense data available for historical fishing operations in the buyback fishery (and any other relevant productivity measures), determining how a buyback is projected to affect the economics of post-buyback fishing--most particularly, the extent to which a buyback is projected to increase the ratio of gross revenue to fixed cost and improve other productivity measures of vessel operation;

(e) Determining the fee rate most likely needed to amortize the buyback loan, the extent to which increases in the remaining capacity's ratio of gross revenue to fixed cost (and other relevant productivity measures) will allow post-buyback vessels to afford the required fee, the likelihood of the fee repaying the buyback loan, and what the FCRA cost of a buyback loan might reasonably be;

(f) Designing referendum specifications that anticipate the likely range of projected implementation results (which cannot

be predicted with certainty in advance) sufficiently to produce a successful invitation and accommodate implementing actual buyback; and

(g) Designing implementation procedures that ensure reliable and timely implementation results conforming to the referendum specifications.

One of our concerns after informally reviewing the draft BBP was the proposal to produce, from what the BBP assumes will be one class of post-buyback permits ("B" licenses), loan-repayment fee income based on something other than a percentage of the ex-vessel value of buyback species landed after buyback. This was necessitated by the BBP's assumption that "B" licenses would often be inactive. Such a fee is inconsistent with buyback's statutory authorization. The exclusive statutory means of buyback-loan repayment is fee income equal to not more than 5 percent of the ex-vessel value of actual post-buyback landings.

Additionally, we are uncertain that we fully understand the rationale for much of what the draft BBP proposes regarding the "B" licenses and their evolution.

We understand that the business planners are now addressing a number of other concerns that we informally related to them.

We would appreciate the Council's candid evaluation of the draft BBP, not only from the standpoint of FMP consistency and post-buyback safeguards, but also from the standpoint of the BBP's basic sufficiency. Is the BBP's basic buyback design and methodology a viable one in this fishery? Does the BBP pose a strong potential for referendum voters to approve a BIP based on the BBP? Does the projected buyback cost/capacity ratio appear to be reasonable? Is the BBP sufficiently detailed, comprehensive, and complete to serve as the basis for referendum specifications, a BIP, a BIR, and actual buyback implementation? Does the BBP have a strong potential for successful implementation? If not, what more does the BBP need to do?

#### (4) CREDIT AUTHORITY.

The credit authority required to support the buyback loan is another area that the business planners, the Council, and

Government must consider. All Federal loan activity, including buyback loans, must, under the Federal Credit Reform Act (FCRA), have first been authorized in appropriation acts. Loan capital need not be appropriated. Once we have adequate FCRA authority, we will simply borrow the necessary loan capital from the U.S. Treasury and re-lend it to the buyback borrower by making buyback payments to successful buyback bidders. All that need be appropriated is (a) the authority for the loan if no FCRA cost is involved or (b) the loan's FCRA cost if one is involved.

A FCRA cost is the amount of loan principal the Federal lender estimates will be uncollectible. Our preliminary position is that buyback loans will involve no FCRA cost, because their repayment has first right to 5% of an entire fishery's future gross revenues until they are repaid. If this position holds, then the only FCRA authorization needed is the loan authority itself. Sufficient loan authority does not now exist. If Congress has not provided sufficient loan authority by the time buyback development has ended, we see no choice but to submit a supplemental appropriation request at that time for sufficient FCRA loan authority. If the credit authority necessary to support a buyback loan has not been made available before the buyback development process requires it to be available, the buyback process may be considerably delayed pending availability of sufficient credit authority.

If the crab buyback is implemented, in what fiscal year does the Council anticipate the necessary credit authority would have to be available?



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 21, 1998

The Honorable William M. Daley  
Secretary of Commerce  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to urge your immediate assistance in moving forward on regulations to support certain critically needed fishing-vessel and fishing-license buyback programs.

The enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA), amending the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, reflected the seriousness of Congress' concern about the state of our Nation's fisheries. The SFA provided important statutory authority and direction to support the necessary remedial measures by your Department. In particular, the SFA responded to concerns about the impact of excess fishing capacity -- overcapitalization -- in major fisheries.

While much of the debate over overcapitalization has revolved around whether individual fishing quota systems (IFQs) are reliable or appropriate means of dealing with the problem, Congress also recognized that in some areas, there was a need to act swiftly and decisively. Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides authority for the reduction of excess fishing capacity through programs for the purchase and permanent retirement of vessels and licenses. Particularly innovative and cost-effective is the provision for funding of such programs through federal loans to industry.

The Bering Sea crab and Pacific Coast groundfish fishing industries, both of which suffer from excess harvesting capacity, have taken the initiative on the establishment of buyback programs under section 312.

An industry group representing Bering Sea crab fishers has held extensive consultations with others in the industry and with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and has thoroughly briefed the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. In preparing a comprehensive proposal, this group has commissioned a scientific survey of vessel owners, an in-depth financial analysis of the fishery, a detailed preliminary business plan on the assessment of fees for repayment of a federal loan, extensive legal analyses, a draft of regulations to implement section 312, and a proposal for necessary amendments to the applicable fishery management plan. These documents have been provided to the North Pacific Council and to your Department.

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Similarly, the Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory bodies identified excess fishing capacity as the single most serious problem facing management of West Coast groundfish resources. In November of 1996, shortly after the Sustainable Fisheries Act was enacted, the Pacific Council named members to a buy-back committee, which prepared a business plan for the purchase and retirement of groundfish trawl permits. The plan estimated the cost, revenue, and benefits of the program in addition to detailing the target reduction, bid mechanism, and bid acceptance policy. In November 1997 the Pacific Council accepted the committee's report and forwarded the plan to your Department.

The North Pacific and Pacific Fishery Management Councils have responded favorably to these industry-based efforts. The Councils have dedicated scarce resources to the development of the buyback programs and have formally requested that the Department of Commerce proceed in accordance with section 312.

Action is sorely needed. The condition of both the Bering Sea crab and Pacific groundfish resources off Washington, Oregon and California is poor, and economic conditions for operators in these fisheries are very poor. The proposed buybacks provide a means -- at no expense to the taxpayer -- for these industries to provide for their own improvement.

In addition, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducting a salmon permit buy-back for coastal and Columbia River fisheries begun in 1995 under the Department's Northwest Emergency Assistance Program (NEAP). While NEAP is no longer funded, additional funds for the buy-back program were provided in fiscal year 1997 under the authority of Section 312. With severe harvest restrictions yet again being proposed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the need to continue the reduction of excess capacity in these fisheries is essential.

In a closely related matter, commercial salmon fishers in the State of Washington also are pursuing a license buyback program for non-Tribal fishers involved in fishing for sockeye salmon in the northern border area. This program could be essential to securing an agreement with Canada for the conservation of U.S. Pacific salmon. Establishment of a buyback program would facilitate a reduction in overall fishing capacity. This is widely seen as a key element in any possible agreement for a reduction of Canadian interceptions of depressed U.S. Pacific salmon stocks. Here again, regulatory action consistent with section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act is a critical element.

In view of these circumstances, we are disappointed that the Department has not acted expeditiously on the regulations needed to guide the further development and successful completion of these and other buyback industry-initiated programs. The Sustainable Fisheries Act became law over eighteen months ago. We understand that draft regulations to implement section 312 have been awaiting action by the National Marine Fisheries Service since late December of 1997.

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We note and appreciate the efforts of financial officers in the National Marine Fisheries Service to assist affected industry groups in the development of business plans for the crab and groundfish buybacks. However, that spirit of cooperation needs to extend to those in policy roles, so as to ensure that the regulations -- a draft of which has been available for some time -- are promulgated in a timely manner.

Each day of delay is damaging to those who are reliant on the agency for an efficient response. We urge you to proceed immediately with publication in the Federal Register of the proposed buyback regulations. We oppose any further -- and in our view unnecessarily redundant -- review and revision by an outside contractor. If problems exist, the process of publishing a proposed rule is the accepted method of discovering them.

Sincerely,

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# The CRAB Group

Capacity Reduction And Buyback for crab licenses in the Bering Sea and Aleutians

TO: ALL OWNERS OF BERING SEA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS CRAB FISHING VESSELS

Please consider progress to date (March 18, 1998)-

- ▶ **10/96** The Magnuson - Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act became law. One of its many changes authorized members of the fishing industry to design and conduct industry-funded buybacks of licenses, if approved by 2/3 vote in an industry referendum.
- ▶ **1/97** Members of the BSAI crab industry met to discuss the feasibility of buybacks in reducing overcapitalization in the BSAI crab fisheries.
- ▶ **3/97** The Capacity Reduction And Buyback (CRAB) Group, an Alaska Non-Profit Corporation, was formed.
- ▶ **3 - 9/97** Research, information gathering, public meetings and polling:
  - 91% of vessel owners think it is important to reduce the size of the fleet**
  - 67% of vessel owners are willing to pay for a buyback**
  - 23% of vessel owners would consider selling permits in a buyback**
- ▶ **9/97** The Secretary of Commerce approved LLP - limited entry for BSAI crab - authorizing 427 vessel licenses to be issued.
- ▶ **9/97** The NPFMC requested the Secretary of Commerce to work with CRAB to develop a buyback plan for the BSAI crab fisheries.
- ▶ **12/97** NMFS was briefed, members of Congress were informed, and their assistance was secured
- ▶ **12/97** A preliminary draft business plan was prepared for BSAI crab license buyback.
- ▶ **1/98** The NPFMC began consideration whether to reduce the number of licenses under LLP - this would make a buyback more affordable, and more effective.
- ▶ **2/98** Draft regulations for implementing the buyback provisions of the Magnuson - Stevens Fishery Conservation and management Act passed NOAA legal review.
- ▶ **3/98** CRAB is one year old.

**Our first year has been very successful - thanks to your ideas and support.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW — DO SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE FOR YOUR FUTURE**

**We need funds:** to overcome bureautic inertia, fully inform the fleet, and bring about a referendum.

## YEAR TWO of CRAB:

- ▶ Publish draft regulations for public comment.
- ▶ Finalized buyback regulations
- ▶ Complete buyback EA/RIR
- ▶ Receive public comments
- ▶ Finalize business plan
- ▶ NPFMC final action on LLP "recent participation" requirements
- ▶ Circulate information, publicize and conduct public meetings on the buyback program; secure NPFMC comments on the buyback plan.
- ▶ Secretary of Commerce conducted referendum of all LLP crab vessel owners- if approved-
- ▶ Complete implementation procedures.
- THEN, if approved by the Commerce Department the buyback program can begin...

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