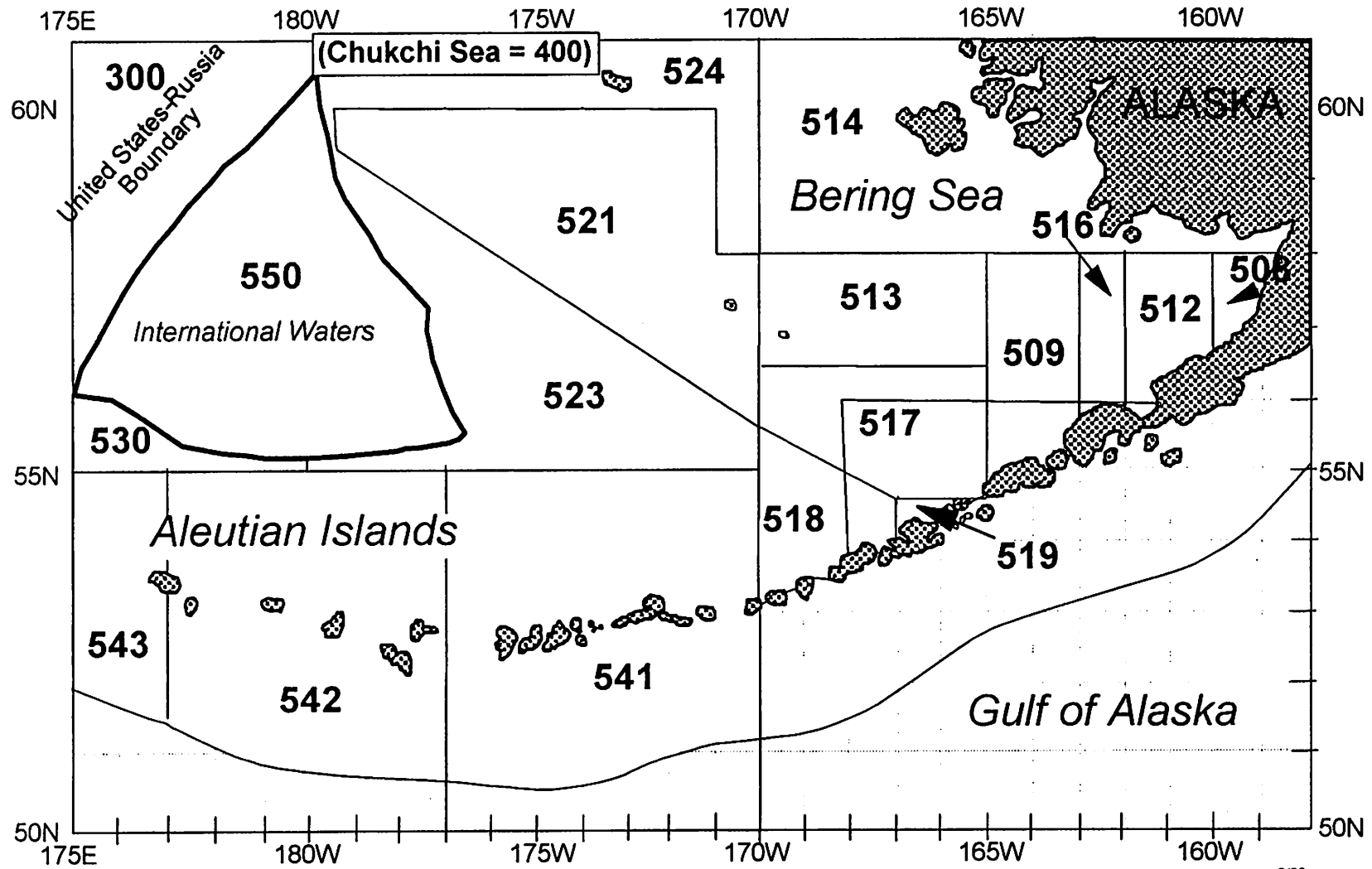


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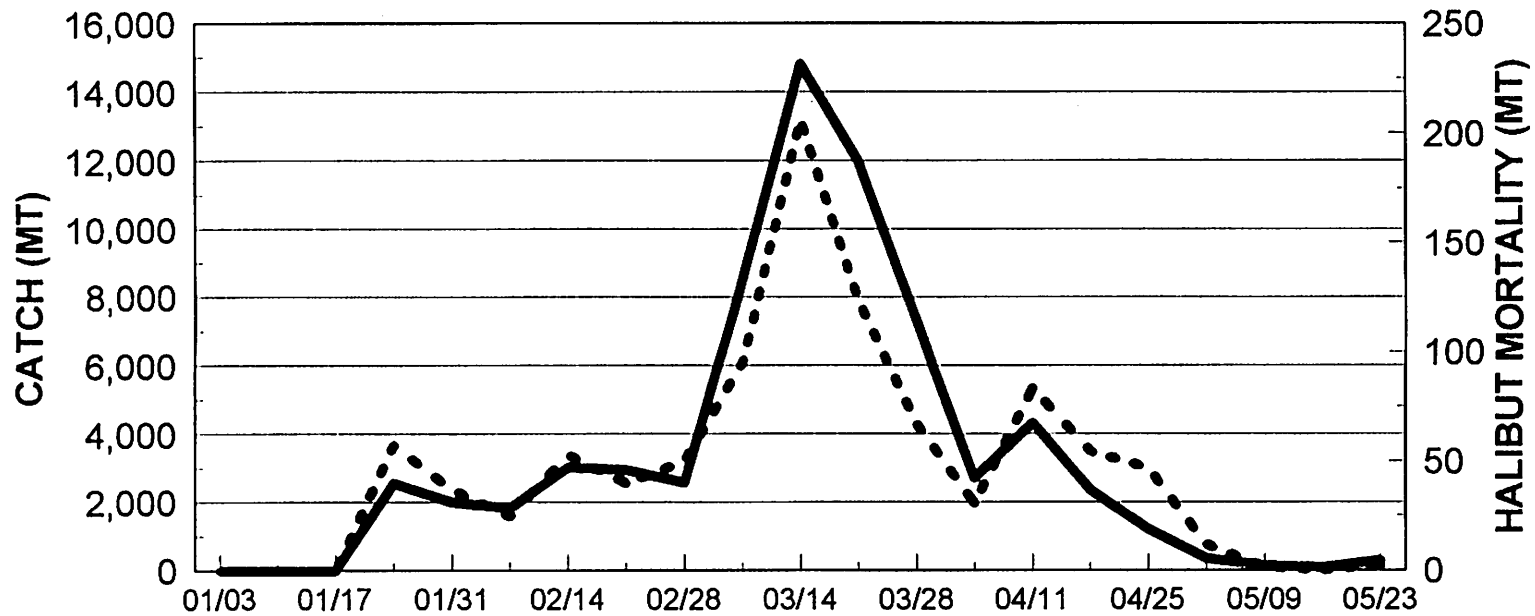
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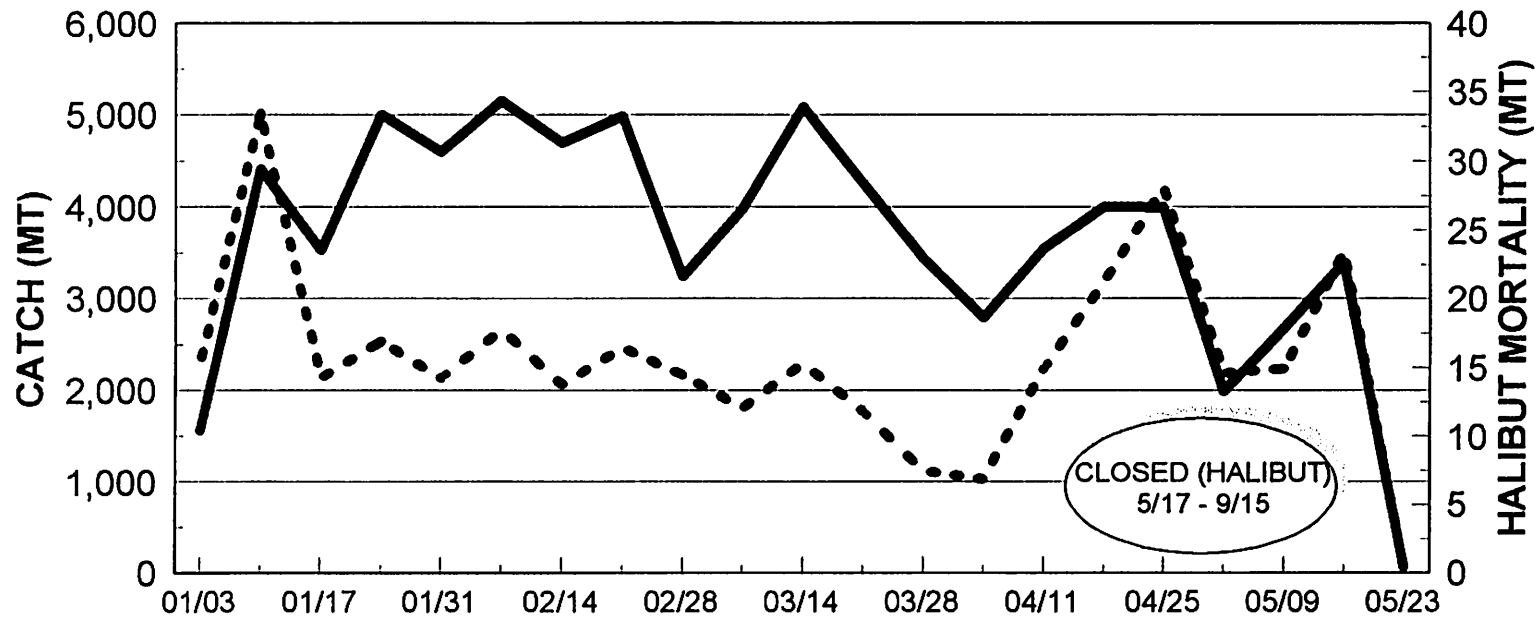
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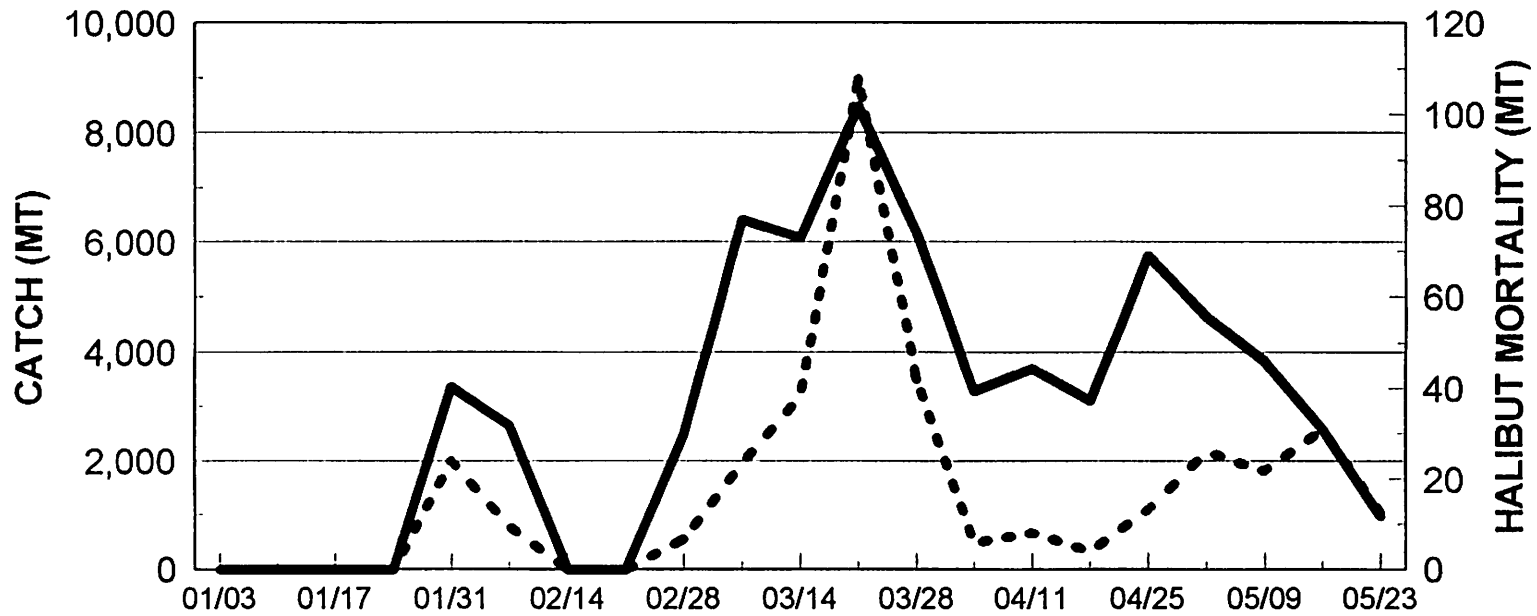
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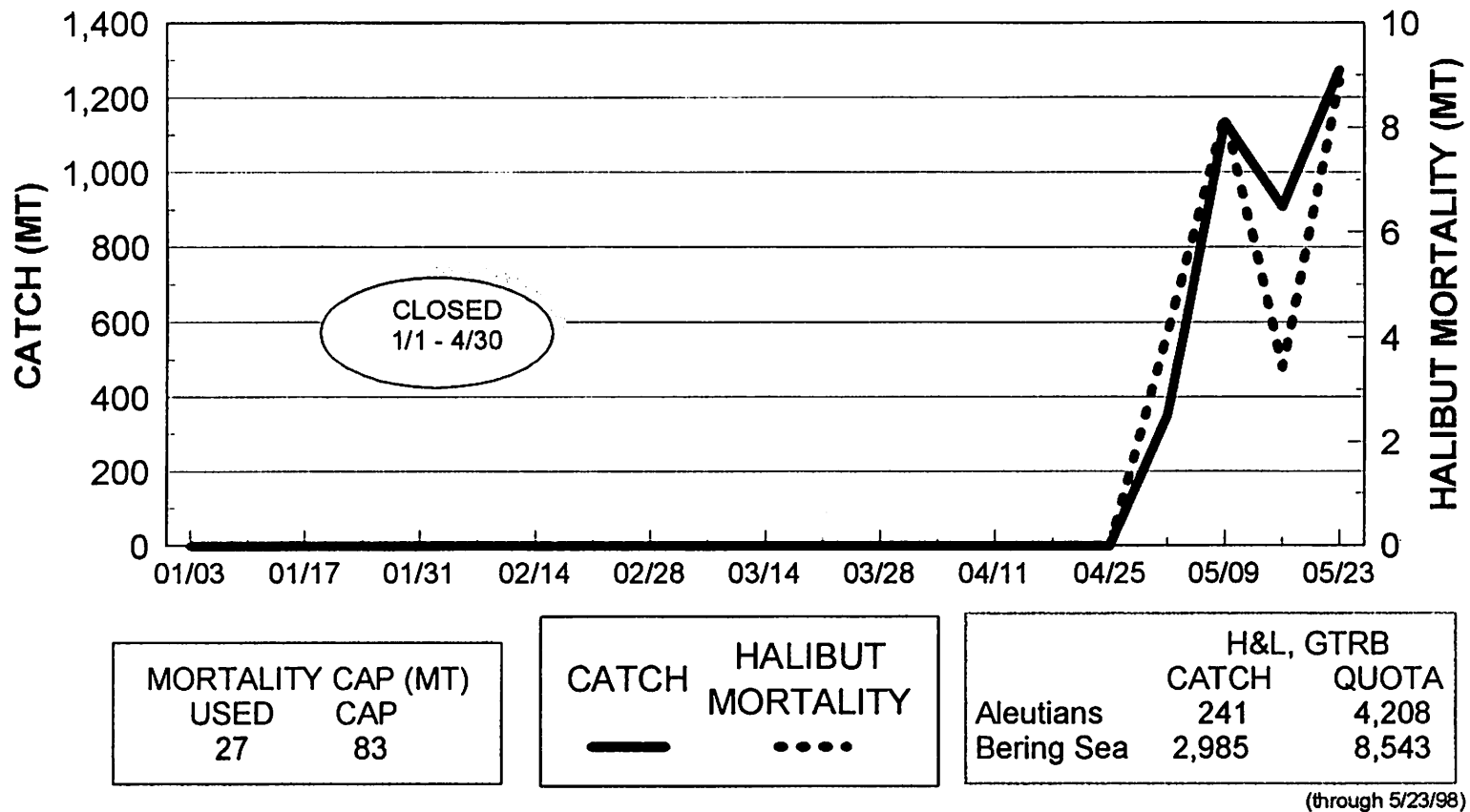
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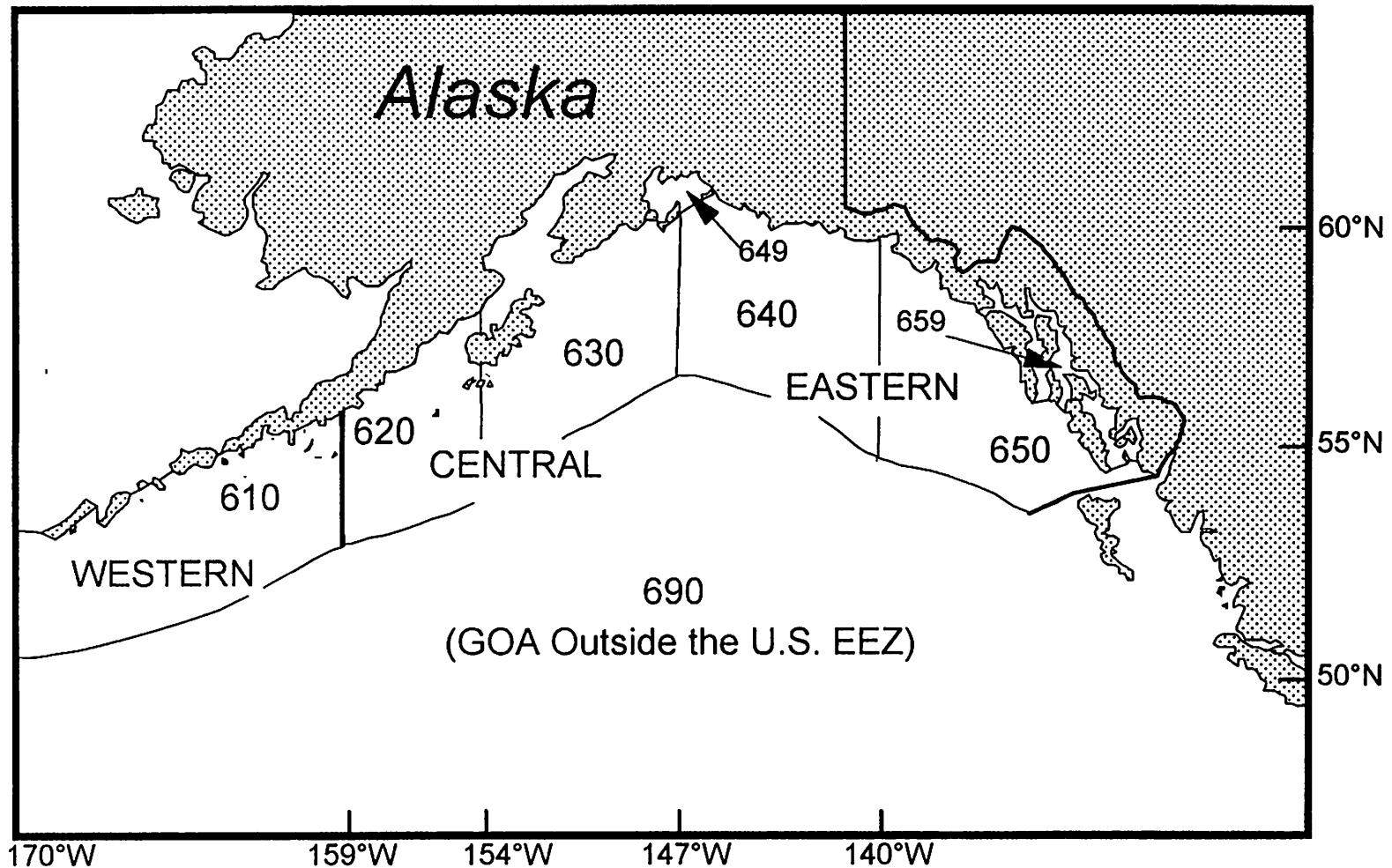
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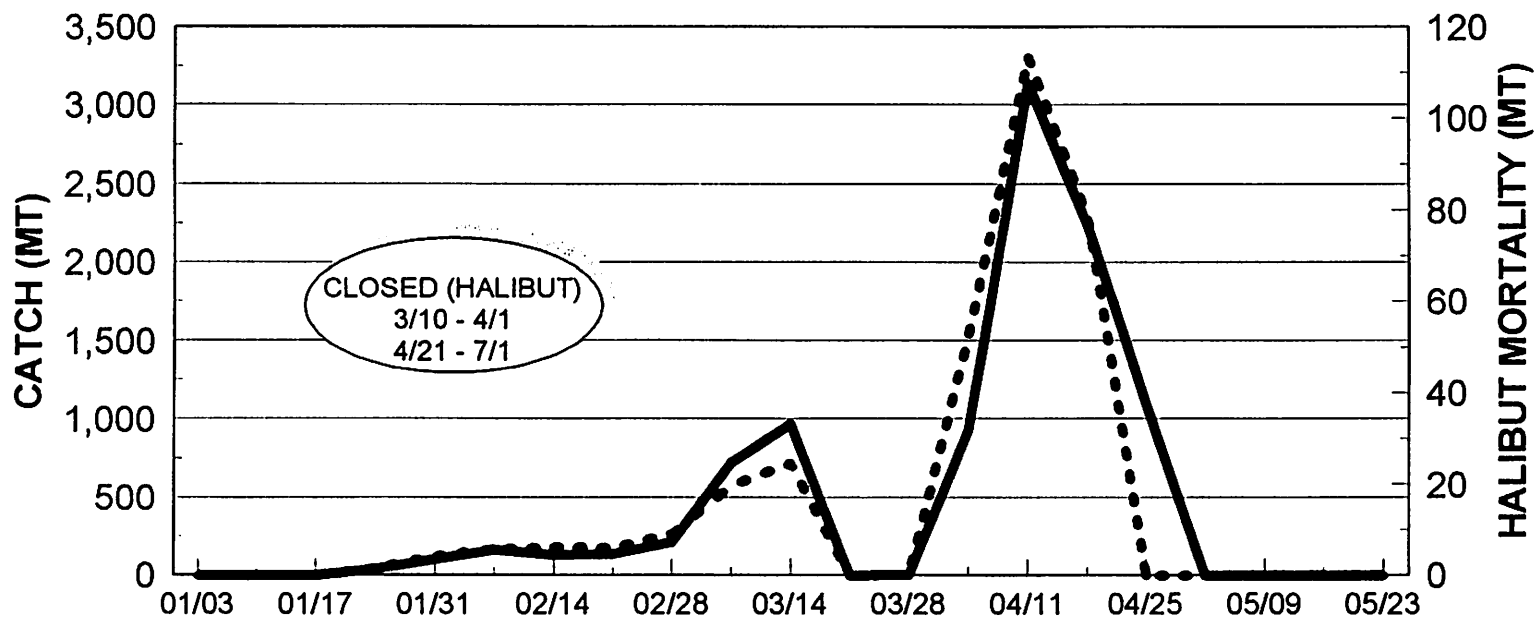


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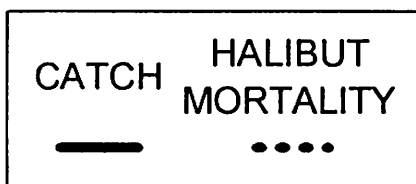
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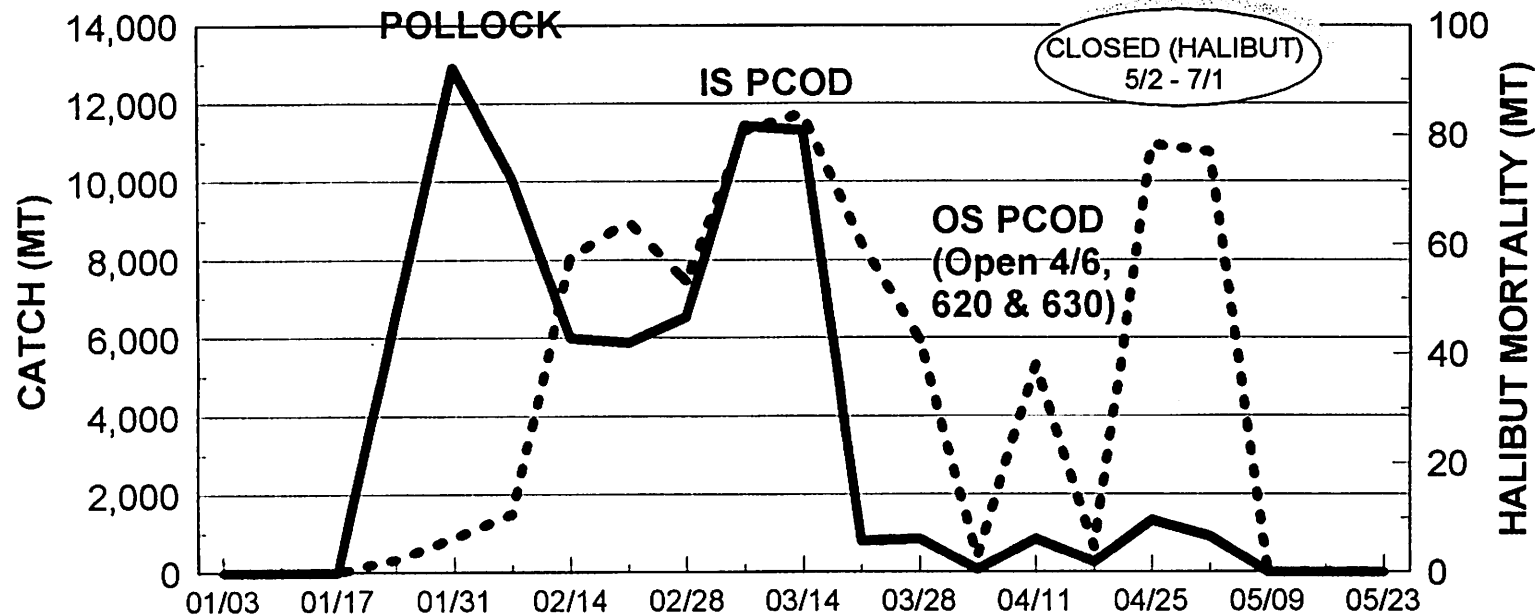
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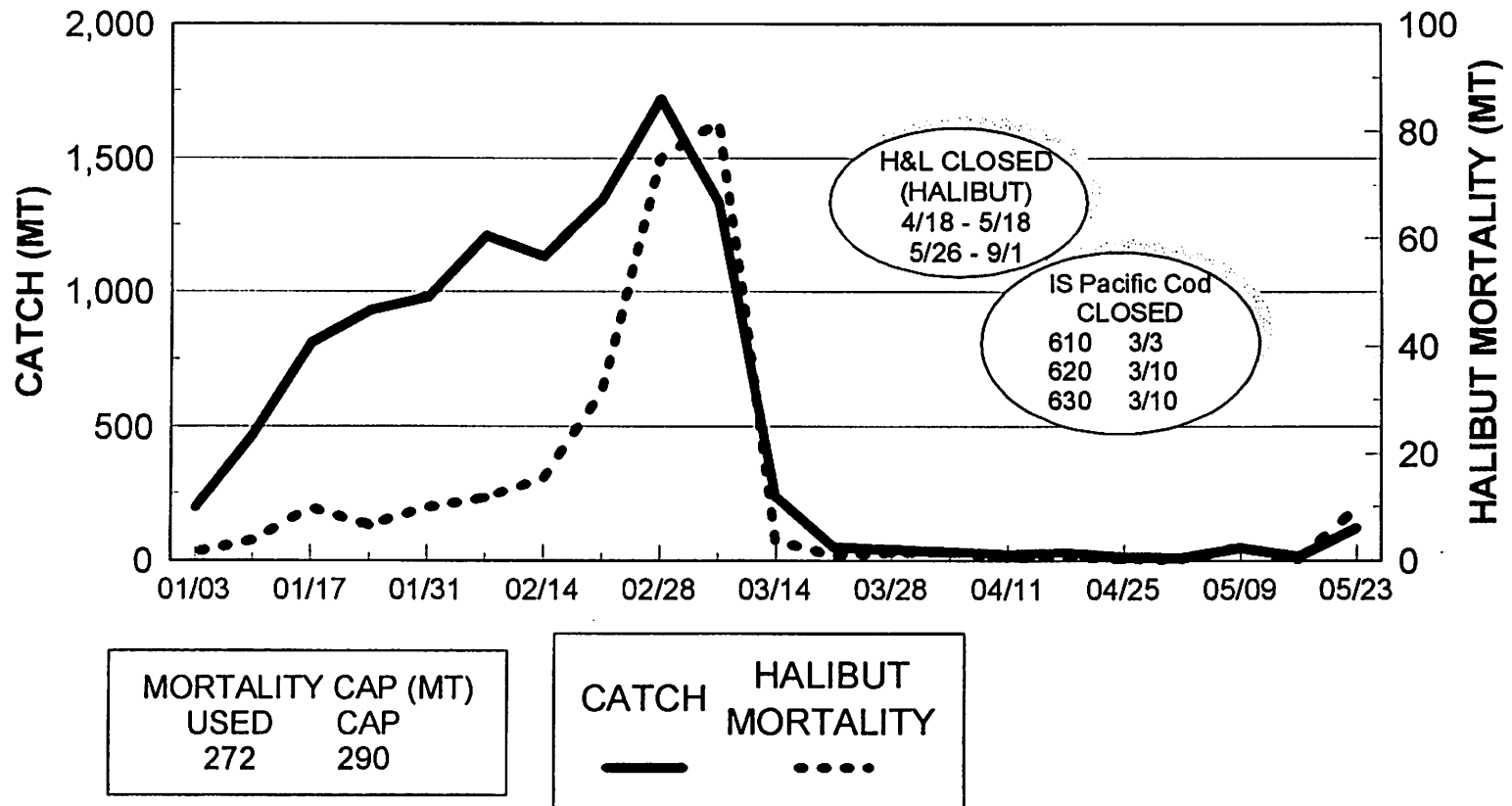
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VESSEL NAME

Date (M-D-Y)

PAGE

ADF&O Vessel No.

Federal Fisheries Permit No.

Complete This Box On Each Page

INACTIVE PERIOD	START	END	ACTIVE, HOT ACTIVE	REASON
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NMFS Reporting Area

Crew Size

GEAR (check one)
 Pot Jg-lob Other Handline Hook & Line
 If Hook & Line, complete boxes listed below

Operator's Name: _____ Operator's Signature: _____

No. of Observers on Board:

Name:

Cruise Number:

Operator's IFQ Permit #:

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Complete These Boxes On Each Page

Complete These Boxes Once Per Delivery
 If same as previous page check

GEAR ID	GEAR TYPE				LENGTH OF SKATE (feet)	HOOK		
	POD NOOK	TW	AUTOLINE	SWAP		Size (feet)	Spacing (feet)	No. Per Skate
A								
B								
C								
D								

IF CDQ → CDQ#: _____ CDQ Delivery # _____

RECORD BY SET (Beginning and End)

Set	DATE SET		DATE HAILED		LOCATION				Beg. & End DEPTH (Fath.)
	TIME SET	TIME HAILED	BEGINNING POSITION		END POSITION		Gear		
			Latitude Longitude	End (Depth)	Latitude Longitude				

GEAR ID	NUMBER OF SHAKES or POTS	
	Set	Lost (Return Mark 2 used)

TARGET SPECIES	IFQ HALIBUT (hard cut) Net Lbs. Numbers	IFQ SABLEFISH Round Wt. Western Cut Eastern Cut	ROCKFISH Pounds	PACIFIC COD Pounds	ALL OTHER SPECIES Pounds

DISCARDS - Indicate Permit # or Number

For groundfish and Pacific herring, indicate the For Pacific halibut, Pacific salmon, King crab, and Tanner crab, record in numbers

DATE	SPECIES CODE	BALANCE FORWARD	DAILY TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL SINCE LAST DELIVERY

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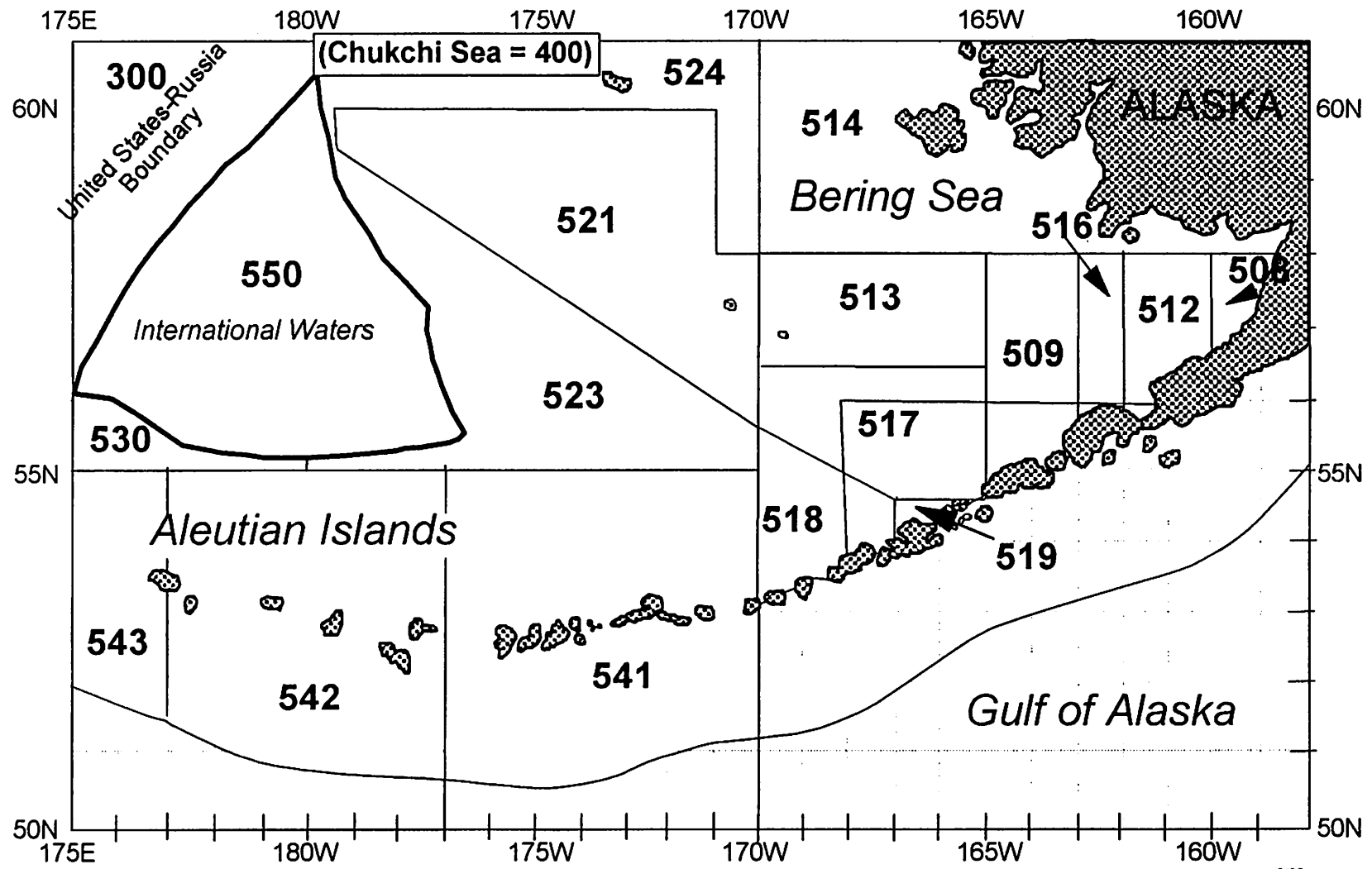
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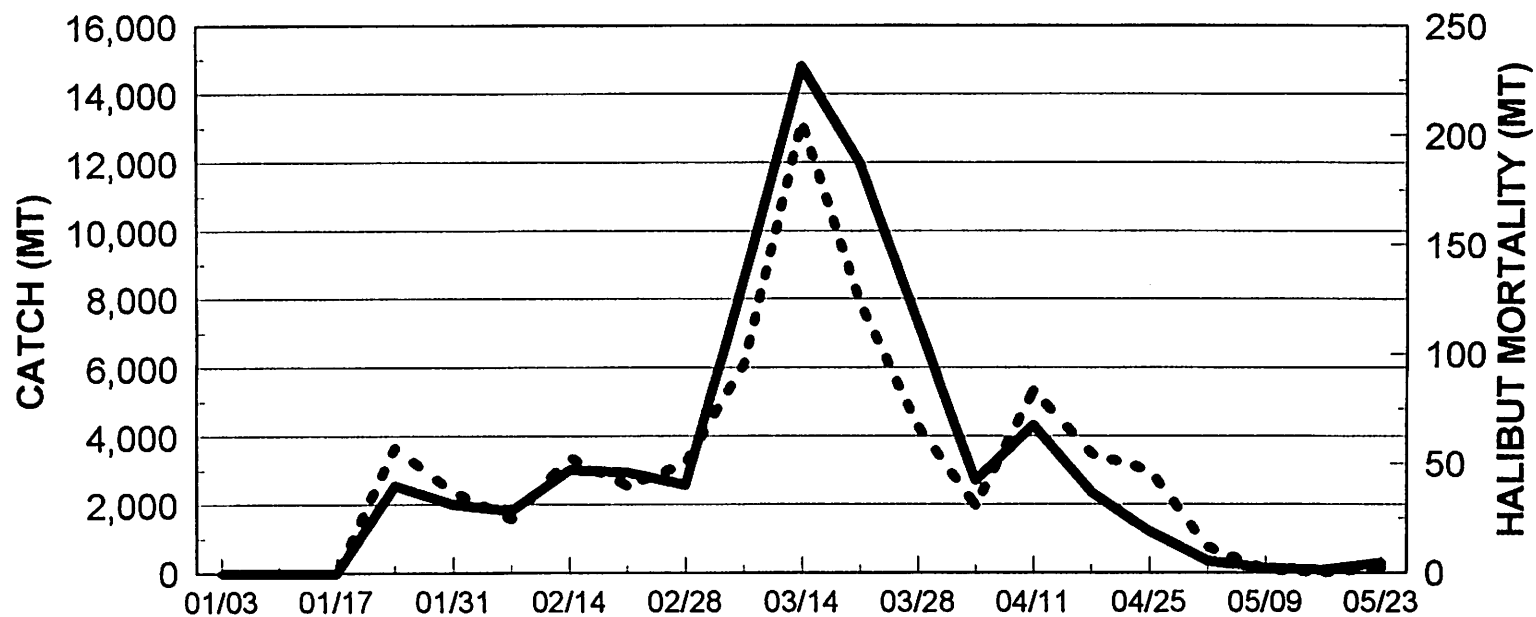
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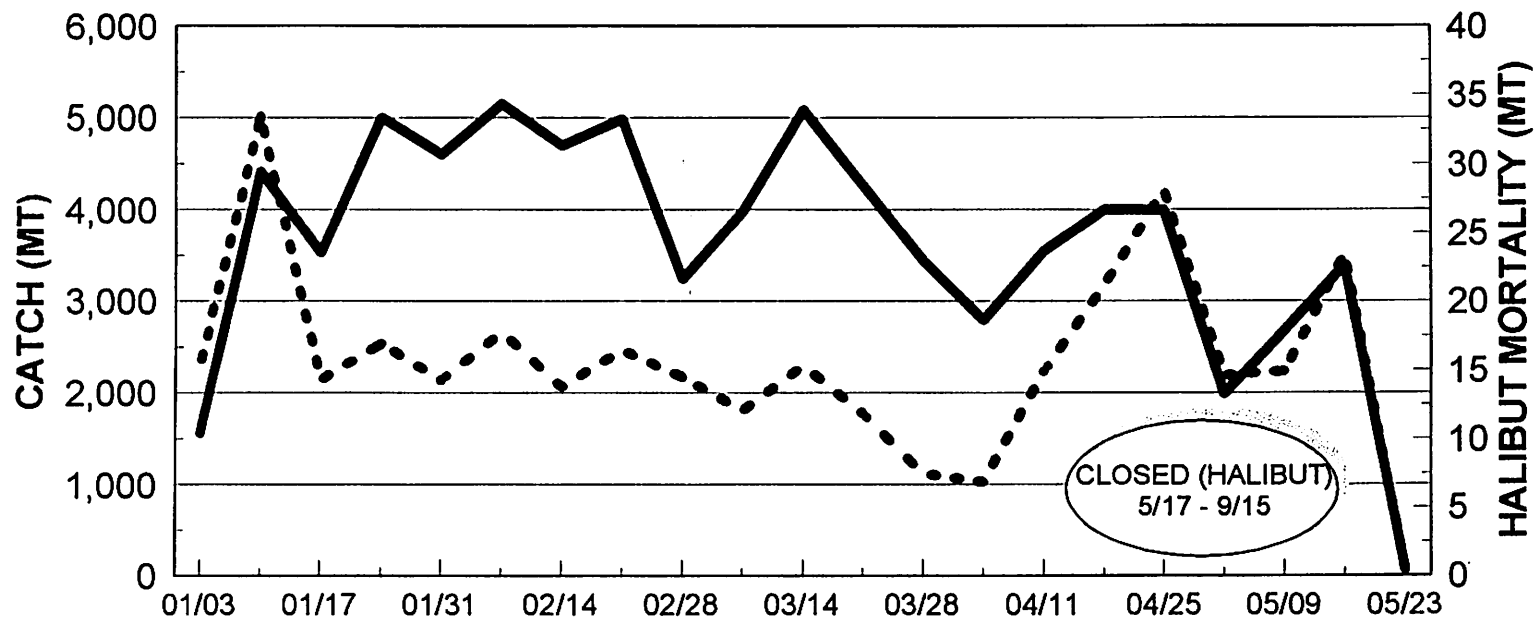
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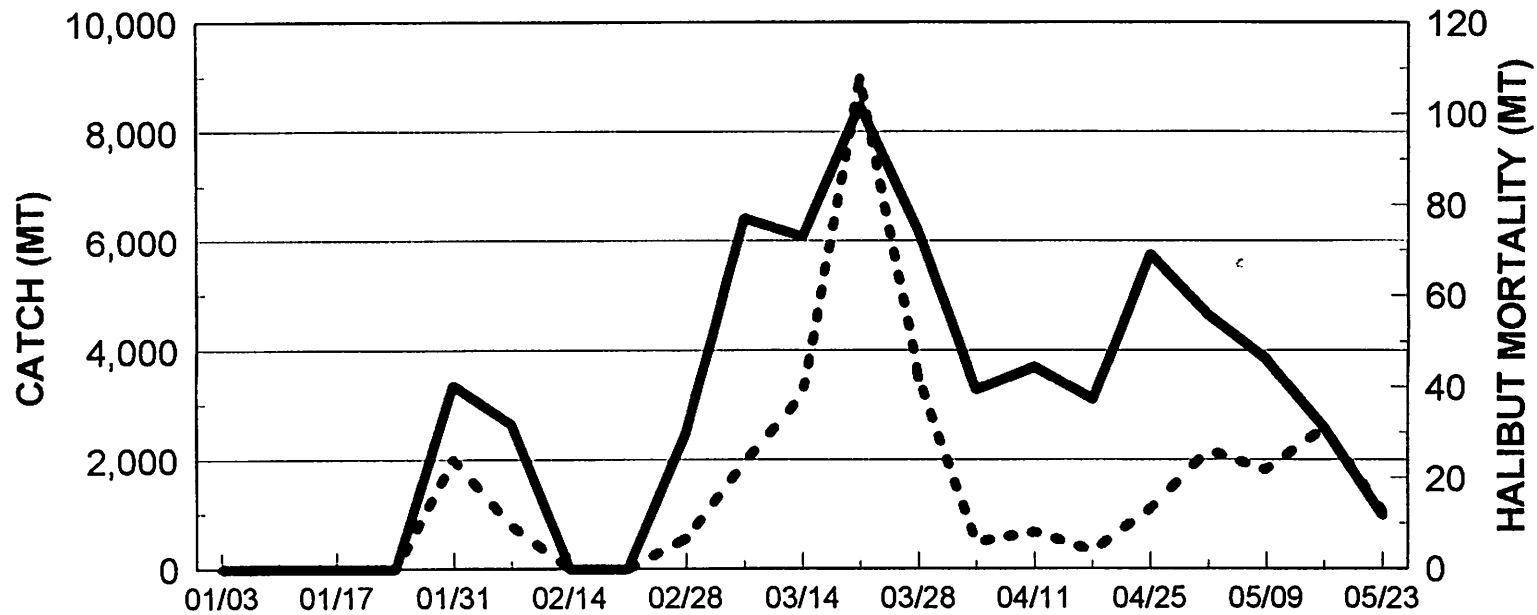
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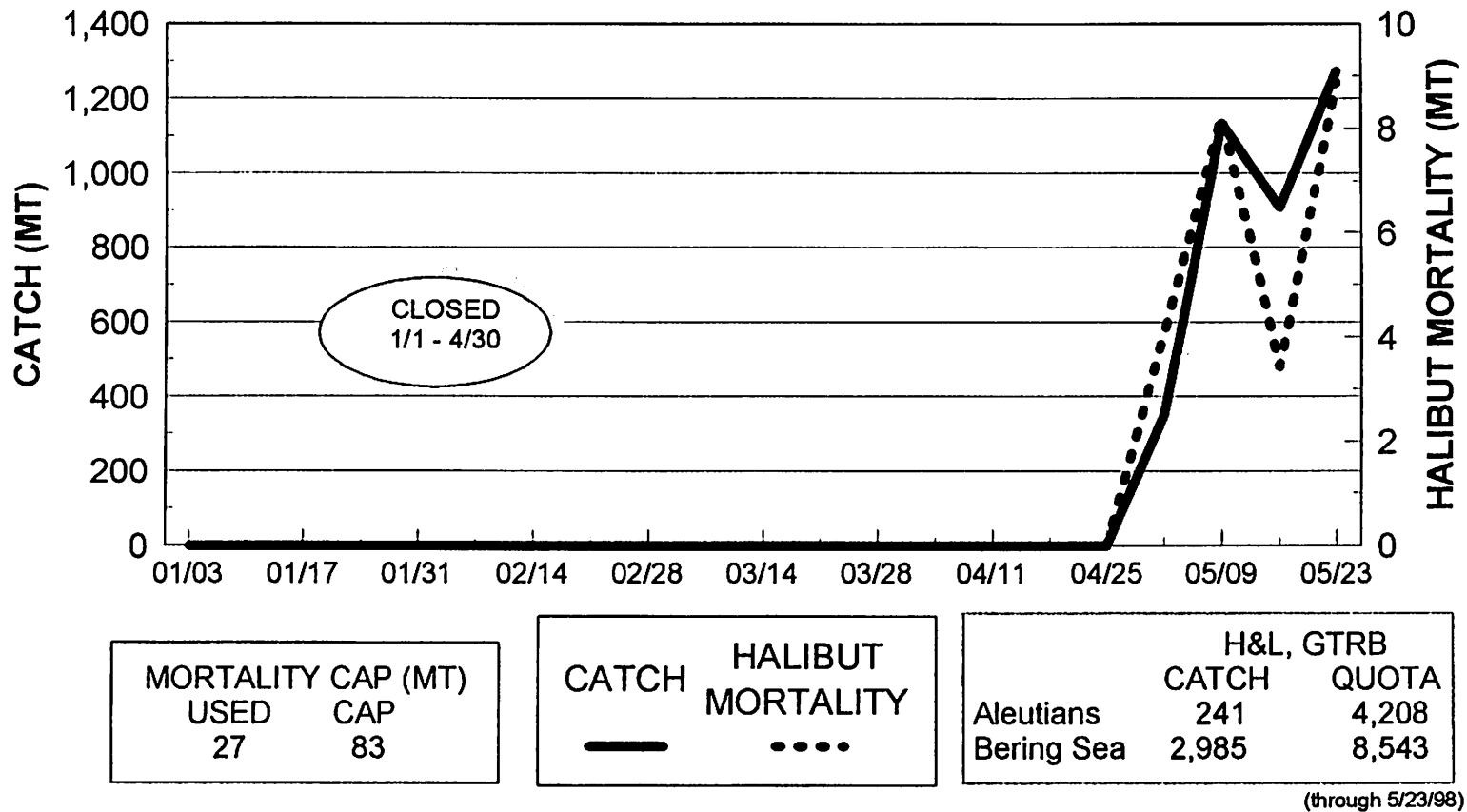
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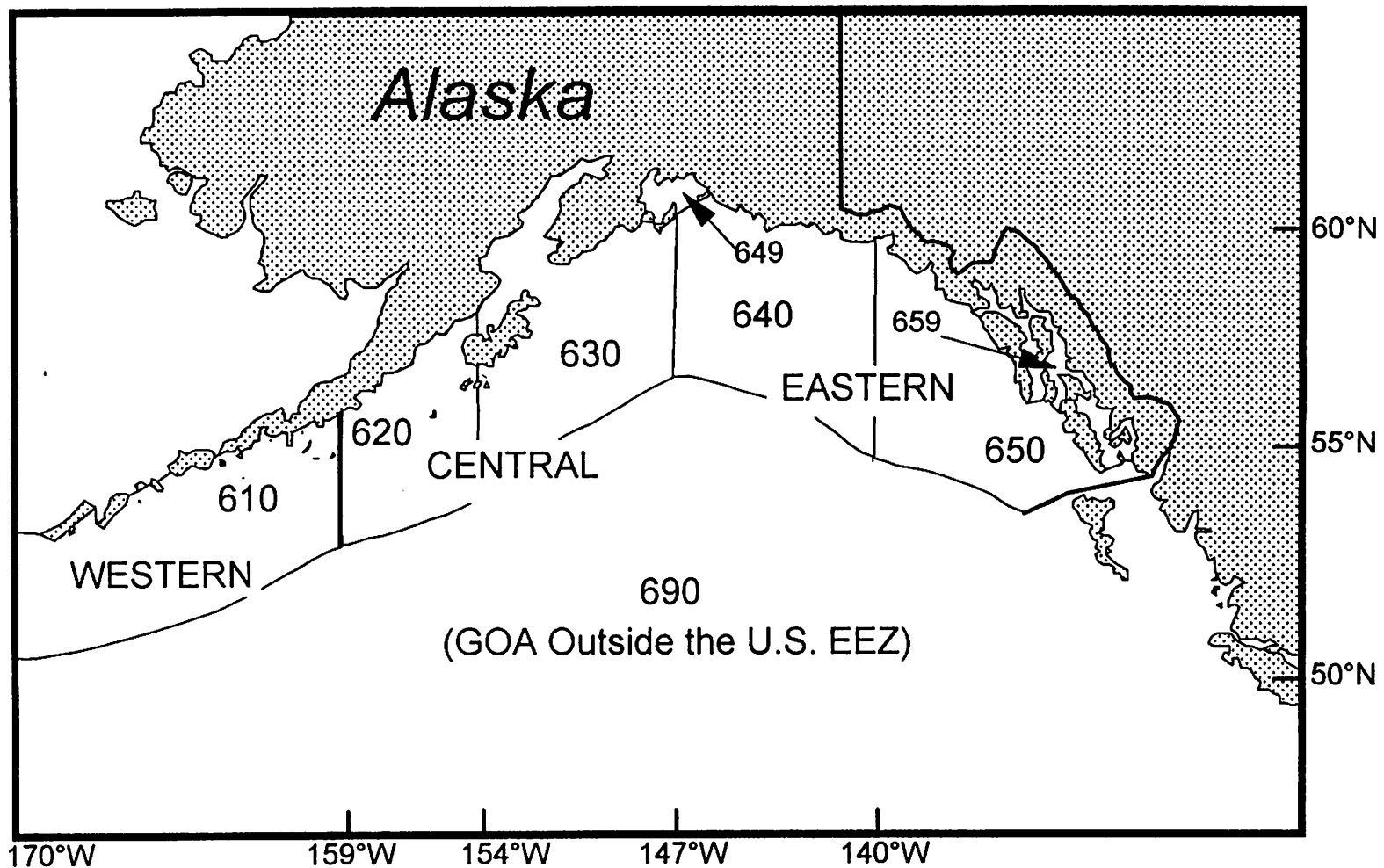
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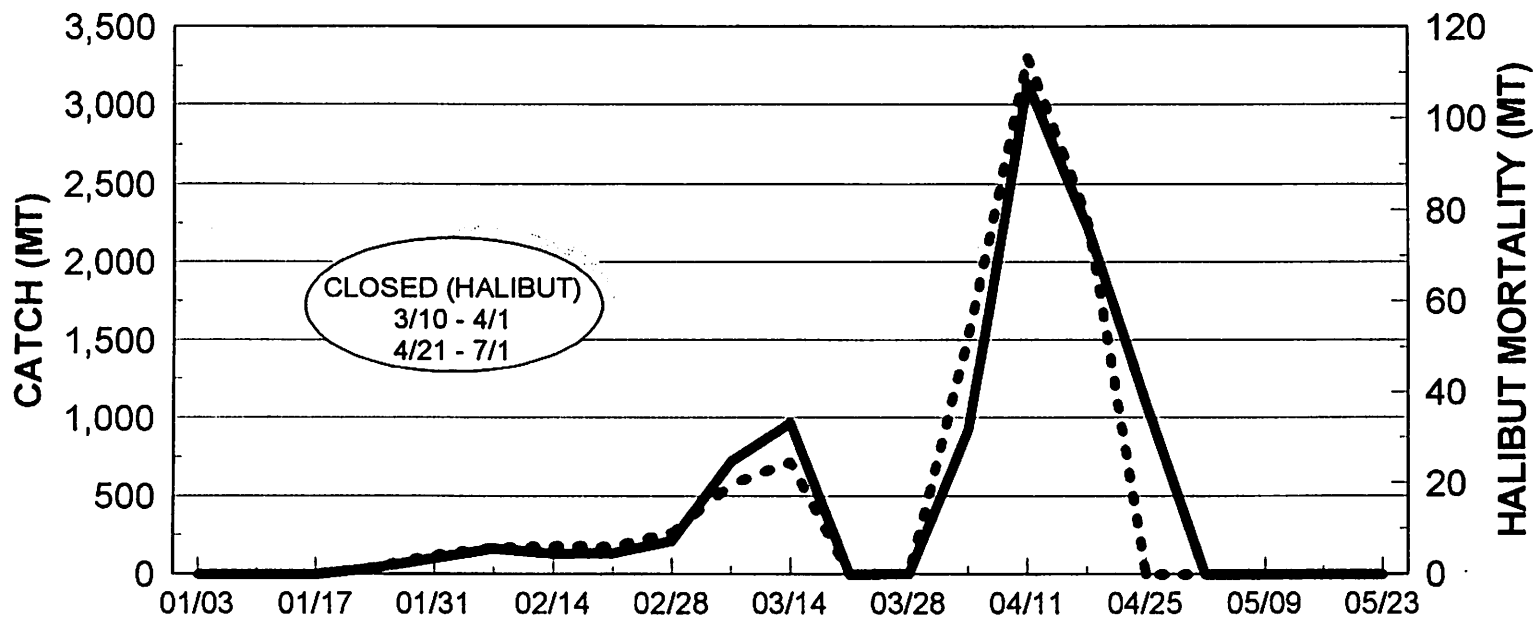


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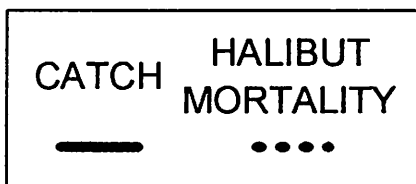
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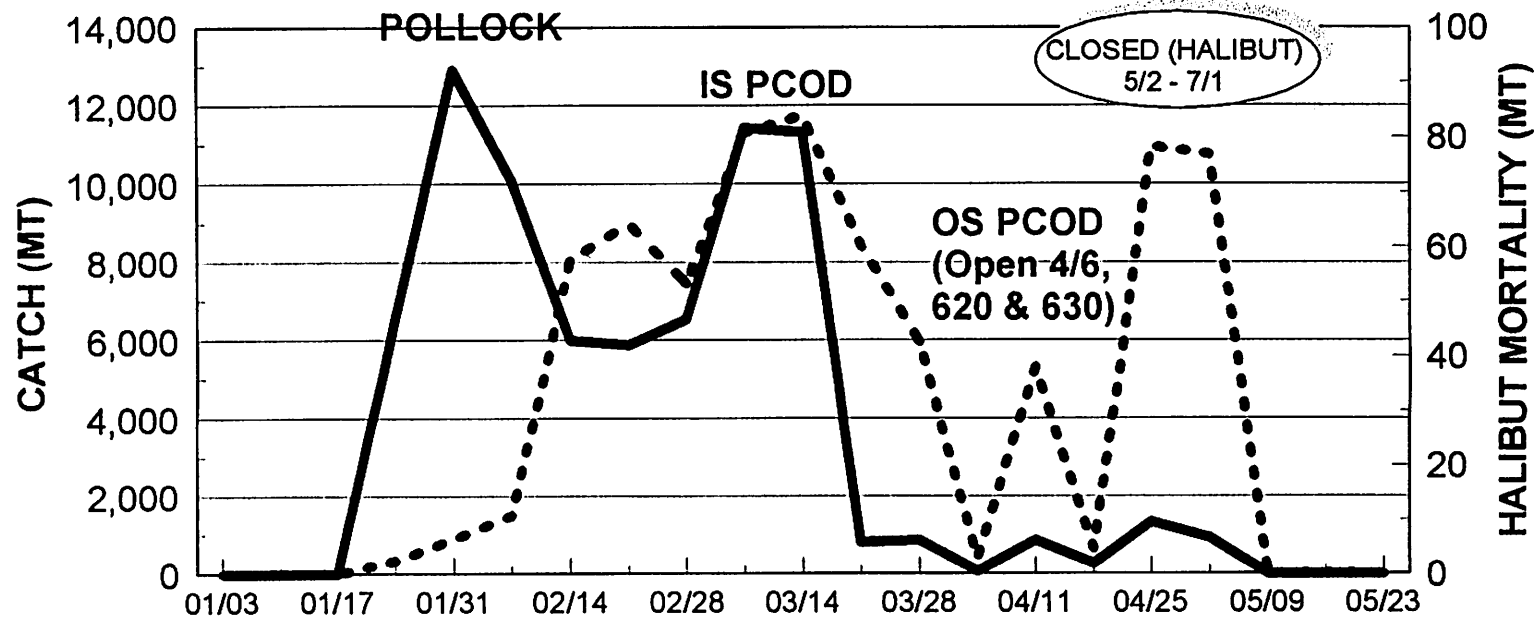
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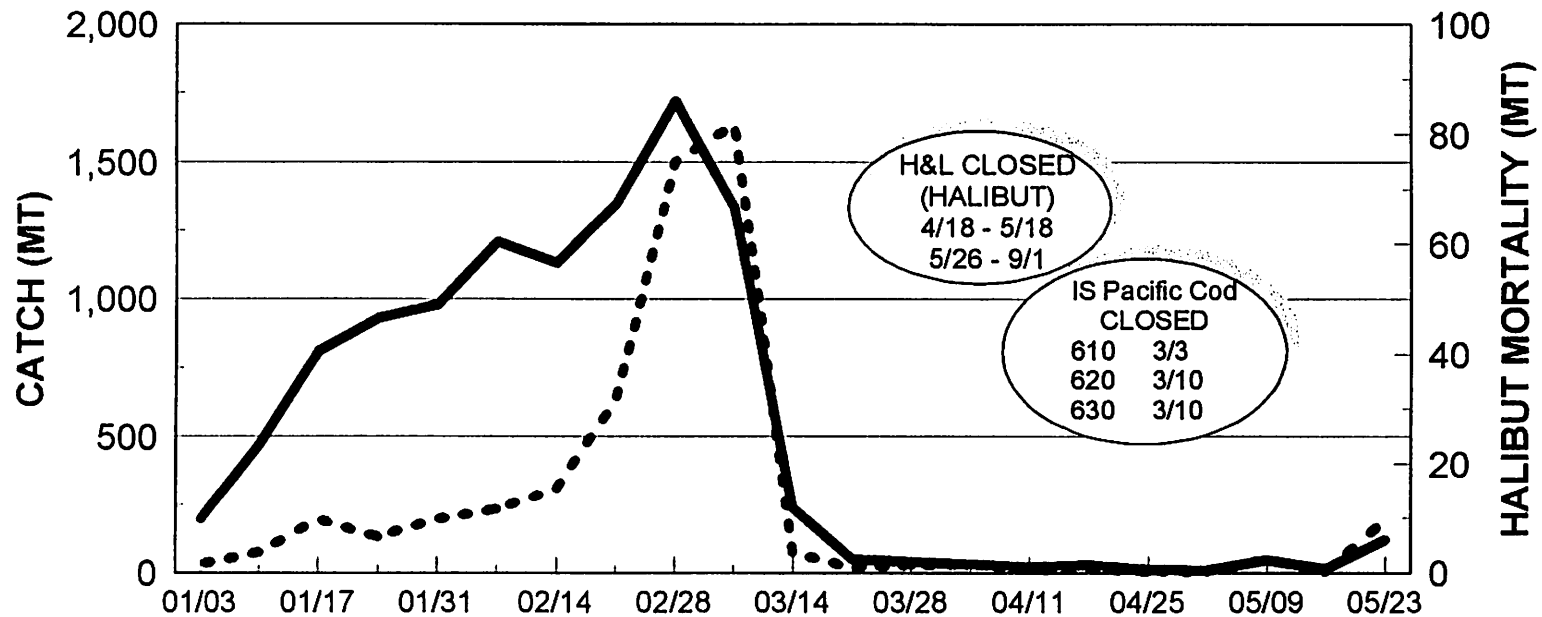
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