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Subject: Monthly summary of foreign fishing activities off Alaska, January, 1978

Attached is a summary of foreign fishing activities off Alaska for the above period.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF  
FOREIGN FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF ALASKA  
JANUARY 1978

A total of 128 individual foreign fishing and associated support ships (88 Japanese, 39 Soviet, and 1 South Korean) engaged in fisheries off Alaska in January. This is an increase of one over the previous month and a decrease of 28 from January 1977.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES

The 39 individual Soviet vessels included 33 stern trawlers, 4 refrigerated transports, 1 tanker, and 1 patrol vessel. This is one vessel more than last month and a decrease of 54 from January 1977.

POLLOCK FISHERY

The Soviet effort for pollock continued in the Bering Sea, with an incidental herring catch. In the central Bering Sea 23 stern trawlers fished throughout the month along the 100-fathom edge, supported by four refrigerated transports, one tanker, and one patrol vessel. One stern trawler fished in the eastern Bering Sea north of Unimak Pass.

GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY

During the second week in January, the Soviet effort for groundfish resumed in the Gulf of Alaska and in the Aleutians. Five stern trawlers operated along the 100-fathom edge from Albatross Bank south of Kodiak to south of the Shumagins. One stern trawler fished along the Aleutians from south of Unimak Pass to Amukta Pass. These vessels have been taking primarily pollock and Atka mackerel.

JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

The 88 individual Japanese vessels operating off the Alaska coast in January included 59 medium stern trawlers, 11 large stern trawlers, 6 pair trawlers, 4 longliners, 4 refrigerated transports, 2 cargo vessels, 1 factory ship, and 1 tanker. This is an increase of nine over last month and an increase of 25 over January 1977.

GROUND FISH TRAWL FISHERY

In January, the Japanese effort for groundfish was again divided between the Gulf of Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, and the Bering Sea.

In the Gulf of Alaska six trawlers fished along the Continental Shelf edge from Portlock Bank off Kodiak to the Shumagins. One stern trawler operated on the southeast grounds.

Nine stern trawlers operated in the eastern Bering Sea along the 100-fathom edge south of the Pribilofs. These vessels were supported by two refrigerated transports, one cargo vessel, and one tanker. In the central Bering Sea, 33 stern trawlers fished primarily for pollock, but also took an incidental catch of herring. They were supported by two refrigerated transports and one cargo.

During the last week of January, 20 stern trawlers began operations in the western Aleutians. By the end of January their efforts had shifted to the central Bering Sea.

#### SABLEFISH FISHERY

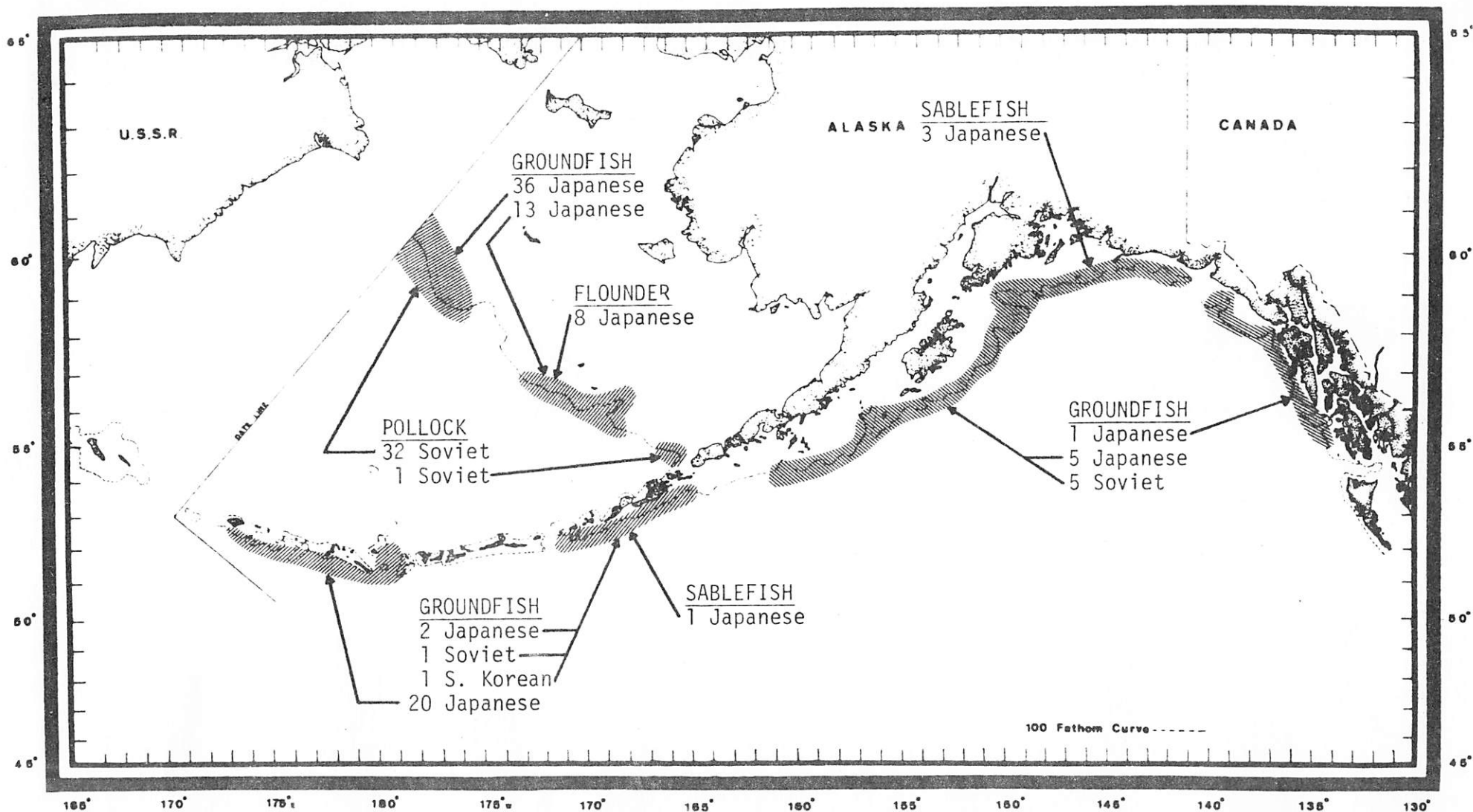
Throughout January, three longline vessels fished for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska from the Yakutat grounds to Portlock Bank. One longline vessel began fishing in the eastern Aleutians during the last week of January.

#### FLOUNDER FISHERY

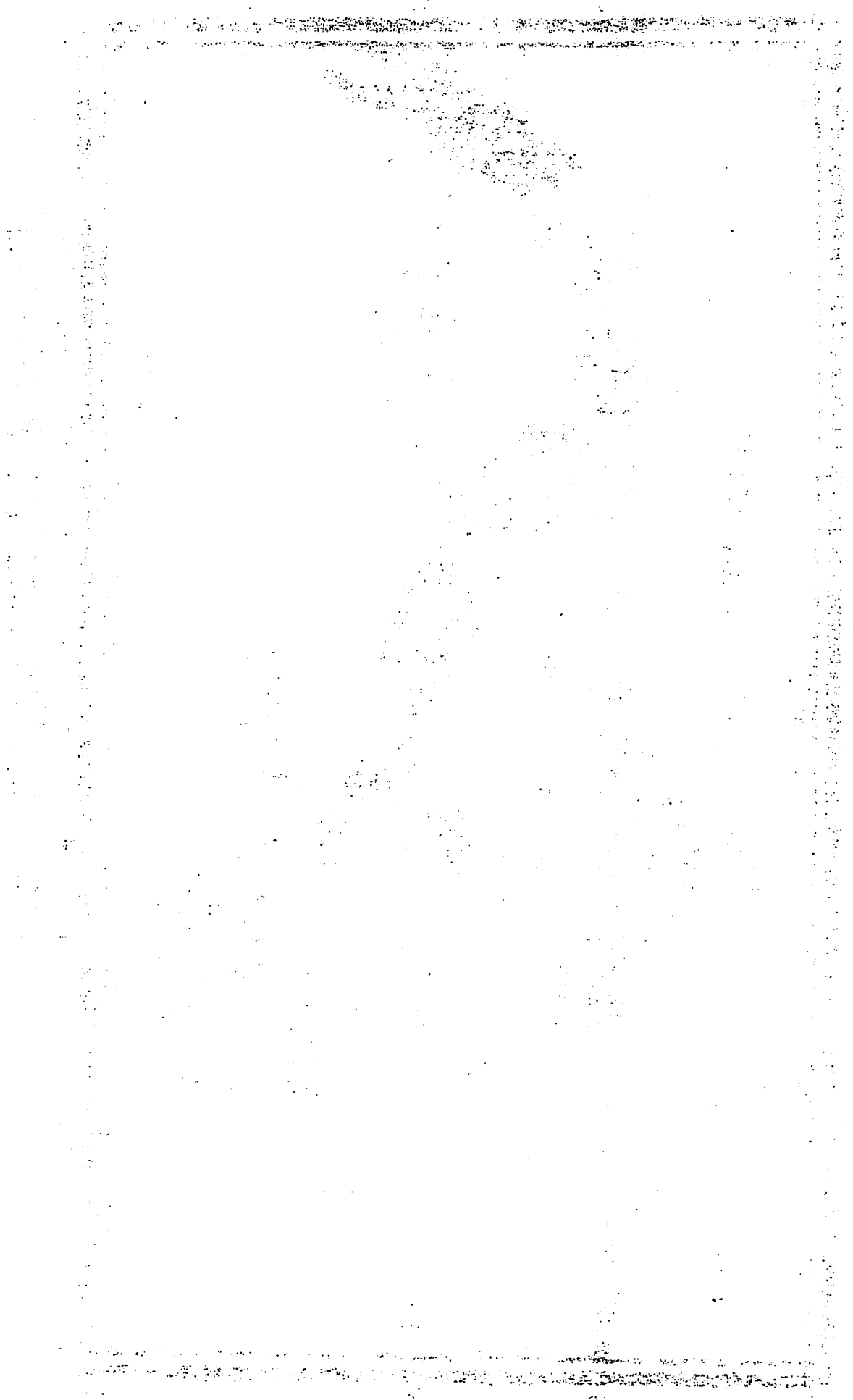
A factory ship fleet, consisting of one factory/mothership, one stern trawler, and six pair trawlers, continued its effort for flounder in the Bering Sea south of the Pribilofs until the second week of January, when it departed the Alaska area.

#### SOUTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES

During the last week of January, one South Korean stern trawler began fishing for groundfish along the eastern Aleutian Islands.



Foreign fishing off Alaska, January 1977, by country  
 number of vessels, principal fishing grounds, and species fished



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FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL EFFORT OFF ALASKA  
AMOUNT OF VESSEL DAYS IN MAJOR AREAS  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 1977-1978

January	<u>Bering Sea - Aleutian Islands</u>			<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	955 JA	971 JA	+ 02 JA	532 JA	189 JA	- 65 JA	1487 JA	1160 JA	- 22 JA
	1701 UR	649 UR	- 62 UR	266 UR	67 UR	- 75 UR	1967 UR	716 UR	- 64 UR
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	<u>2656 AN</u>	<u>1622 AN</u>	- <u>39 AN</u>	<u>7 TW</u> <u>805 AN</u>	<u>256 AN</u>	- <u>100 TW</u> <u>- 68 AN</u>	<u>7 TW</u> <u>3461 AN</u>	<u>1878 AN</u>	- <u>100 TW</u> <u>- 46 AN</u>





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ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN FOR INFRACTIONS  
OF FCMA REGULATIONS OFF ALASKA  
1/1/78 thru 2/17/78

	Citations	Report of Violations
Japan	7	-
USSR	7	2
Taiwan	1	-

Table reflects number of actions taken for non-compliance of Regulations, not number of vessels.

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