MONTHLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF ALASKA SEPTEMBER 1978

A total of 343 individual foreign fishing and associated support ships (283 Japanese, 42 Soviet, 16 South Korean, and 2 Taiwanese) engaged in fisheries off Alaska during September. That is an increase of 11 over last month and a decrease of 11 from September 1977. The number of vessels present simultaneously varied from 228 to 248.

JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

The 283 individual Japanese vessels included 101 medium stern trawlers, 22 large stern trawlers, 21 longliners, 1 crab factory ship, 6 crab pot vessels, 1 independent crab pot vessel, 8 snail pot vessels, 6 factory ships, 17 Danish seiners, 60 pair trawlers, 25 refrigerated transports, 12 cargo vessels, and 3 tankers. This represents a decrease of 15 from the previous month and a decrease of 40 from September 1977. The number of vessels fishing concurrently varied from 189 to 213.

Groundfish Trawl Fishery

The Japanese trawl fishery continued with vessels operating along the 100-fathom edge in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska, with the main effort occurring in the central Bering Sea. In the Bering Sea, effort for groundfish totaled 1,984 days, with predominant catches of pollock and Pacific cod and smaller amounts of squid, Pacific Ocean perch, and Pacific herring being taken. In the central Bering Sea, 71 stern trawlers fished 1,181 days along the 100-fathom edge; they were supported by 10 cargo vessels for 96 days, 8 refrigerated transports for 71 days, and 3 tankers for 20 days. In the eastern Bering Sea southeast of the Pribilof Islands, 32 stern trawlers fished for 468 days, supported by 18 refrigerated transports (113 days), 6 cargo vessels (22 days), and 2 tankers (13 days).

The groundfish effort in the Aleutian area centered on flounders, Pacific Ocean perch, and pollock, with 37 stern trawlers fishing along the 100-fathom edge from Attu Island to Amchitka Pass for a total of 310 days. Twelve stern trawlers fished 93 days along the 100-fathom edge north and south of the eastern Aleutians and Amukta Pass. Supporting them were 4 refrigerated transports for 13 days and 2 tankers for 3 days.

In the Gulf of Alaska, Japanese vessels fished primarily for pollock, flounders, and Pacific cod. One stern trawler fished for five days off southeast Alaska. A total of 14 stern trawlers operated from Unimak Pass to the Yakutat fishing grounds for 254 days, with the support of 4 refrigerated transports (21 days) and 2 tankers (7 days).

Sablefish Fishery

Japanese longliners continued their effort for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska, Aleutians, and Bering Sea. The main concentration of effort occurred in the Gulf of Alaska, where 18 longliners fished 388 days from the Yakutat fishing grounds to Unimak Pass. Six longliners spent 45 days off the eastern Aleutians, while one longliner spent eight days in the western Aleutians. Two longliners spent five days along the Continental Shelf edge in the central Bering Sea. In the eastern Bering Sea southeast of the Pribilof Islands, 10 longliners fished a total of 33 days.

Pollock Fishery

Five factory ship fleets continued their effort for pollock, with one fleet continuing to shift operations between the eastern and central Bering Sea throughout the month. In the central Bering Sea, 4 factory ships operated 86 days, with 15 Danish seiners (415 days), 35 pair trawlers (938 days), and 11 stern trawlers (77 days). One fleet, which included a factory ship, 12 pair trawlers, 5 Danish seiners, and a stern trawler, departed the Alaska area during the third week of September. Two factory fleets fished southeast of the Pribilofs in the eastern Bering Sea. The pollock fishery there involved 2 factory ships (57 days), 2 Danish seiners (60 days), 20 pair trawlers (598 days), and 9 stern trawlers (243 days).

Flounder Fishery

During September, one factory fleet continued fishing for yellowfin sole and other flounders off Alaska. The fleet, involving one factory ship and six pair trawlers, fished a total of 210 days (30 days each) in the eastern Bering Sea northeast of the Pribilofs.

Crab Fishery

One crab factory fleet, which included a factory ship and six crab pot vessels, continued an effort for crab during the first week of September, then departed the Alaska area. The vessels spent 21 days (3 days each) north of 58°N in the central Bering Sea. One independent crab pot vessel continued fishing until mid-September, spending 15 days in the central Bering.

Snail Fishery

Eight snail pot vessels (including two that previously worked as independent crab pot vessels) continued operations off Alaska during September. Seven vessels spent 160 days in the central Bering Sea and 1 vessel spent 10 days northwest of Unimak Pass in the eastern Bering Sea.

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SOVIET ACTIVITIES

The 42 individual Soviet vessels fishing off Alaska during September 1978 included 37 stern trawlers and 5 refrigerated transports. That is an increase of 23 over last month and an increase of 25 over September 1977. The number of vessels operating simultaneously increased from 16 at the beginning of September to 33 by the end of the month.

Flounder Fishery

The Soviet effort for yellowfin sole and other flounders continued in the eastern Bering Sea. Two refrigerated transports (24 days) supported 35 stern trawlers that fished a total of 573 days south of Nunivak Island.

Pollock Fishery

Seventeen stern trawlers spent 81 days in the central Bering Sea fishing and conducting cargo operations with 5 refrigerated transports (23 days). One stern trawler fished three days north of Amchitka Pass in the Aleutians.

Groundfish Fishery

In the Gulf of Alaska, three Soviet stern trawlers spent 33 days fishing off the Shumagin Islands and Kodiak Island, concentrating mainly on Atka mackerel and pollock.

SOUTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES

Sixteen South Korean vessels, including 11 stern trawlers, 2 longliners, 2 refrigerated transports, and 1 cargo vessel, continued operations off Alaska during September. This is two vessels more than last month and three more than September 1977.

Groundfish Trawl Fishery

The South Koreans continued their effort for groundfish in the Bering Sea, Aleutians, and Gulf of Alaska, concentrating mainly on pollock and, to a lesser degree, Pacific Ocean perch. In the eastern Bering Sea southeast of the Pribilofs, 10 stern trawlers fished 93 days supported by a refrigerated transport for 6 days. Three stern trawlers (21 days) and a refrigerated transport (18 days) operated in the central Bering Sea. Eight stern trawlers fished along the 100-fathom edge north and south of the eastern Aleutians for 108 days. In the Gulf of Alaska, one stern trawler (11 days) fished from the Shumagin Islands to Kodiak Island and was supported by a cargo vessel for five days.

Sablefish Fishery

Two South Korean longliners spent a total of 45 days fishing for sablefish along the 100-fathom edge from Kodiak Island to the Shumagins.

TAIWANESE ACTIVITIES

One Taiwanese stern trawler continued operations in the eastern Bering Sea through the second week of September when it departed the Alaska area. A second stern trawler began fishing in the same area a few days later. Together the vessels fished for pollock 27 days southeast of the Pribilofs.

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Monthly Summary

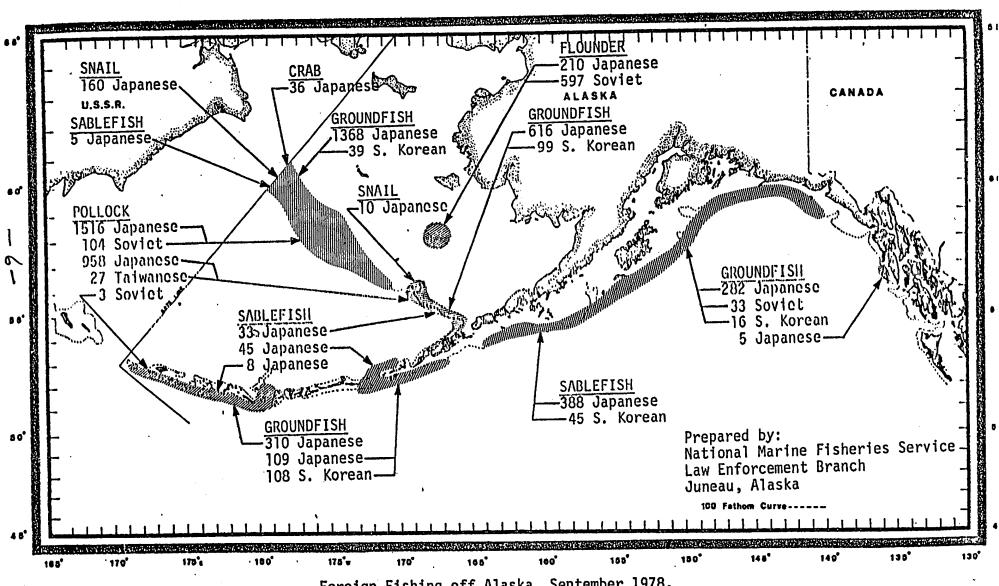
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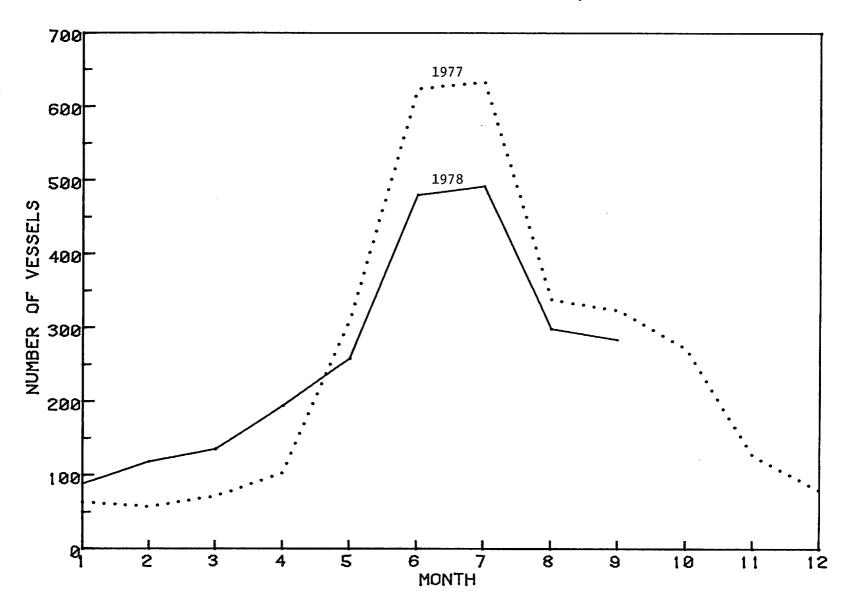
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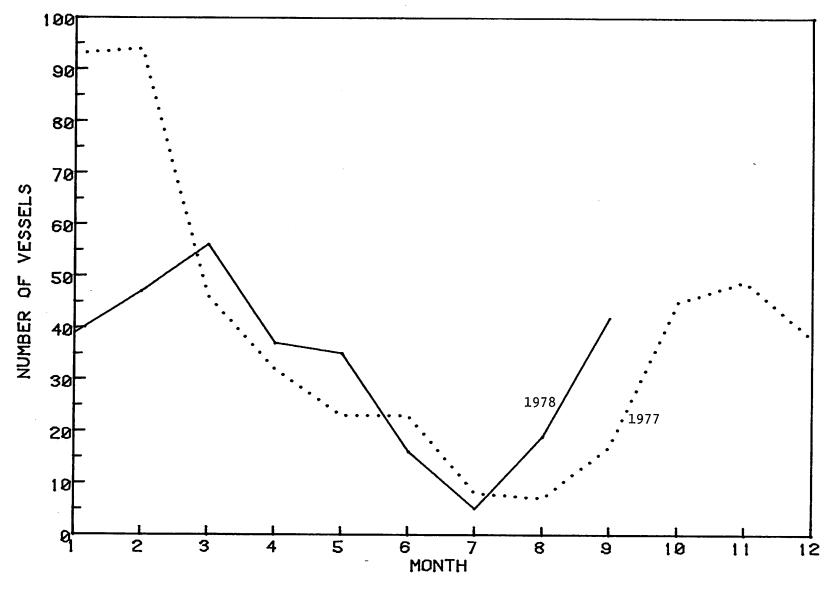
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Foreign Fishing off Alaska, September 1978, by Country, Vessel Days, Principal Fishing Grounds, and Species Fished

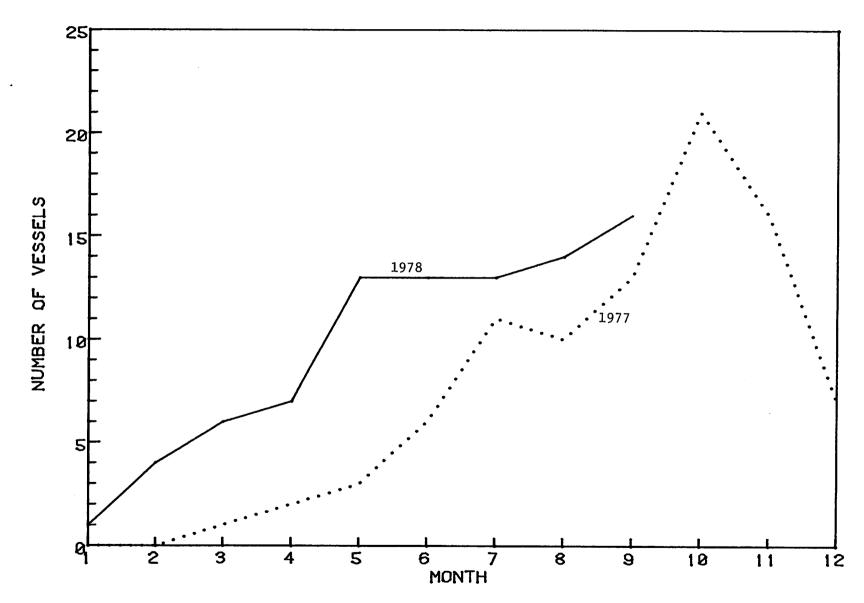


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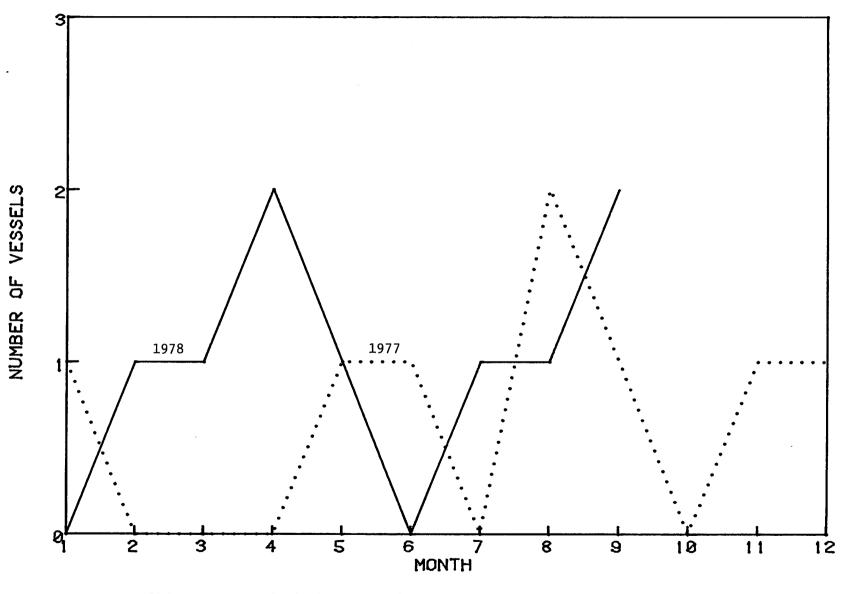


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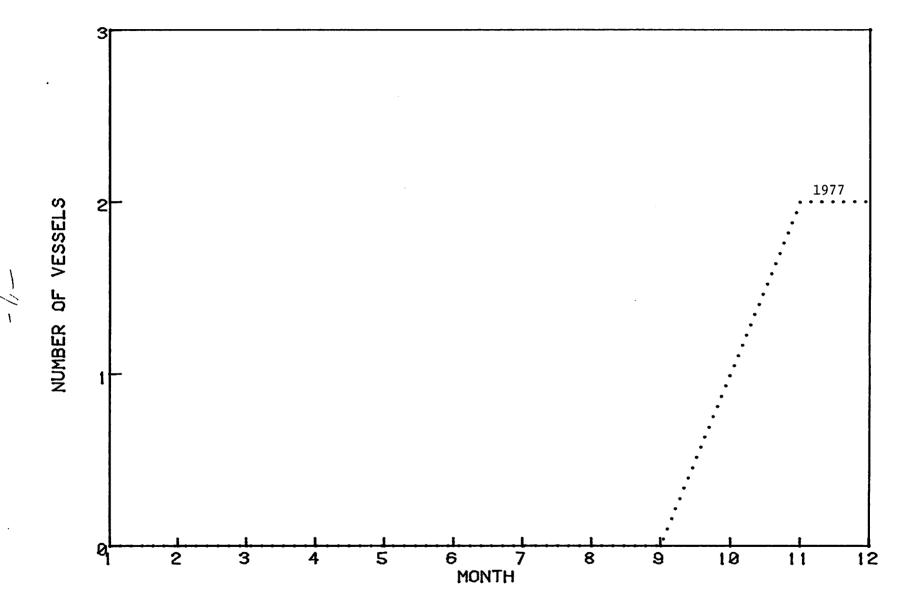
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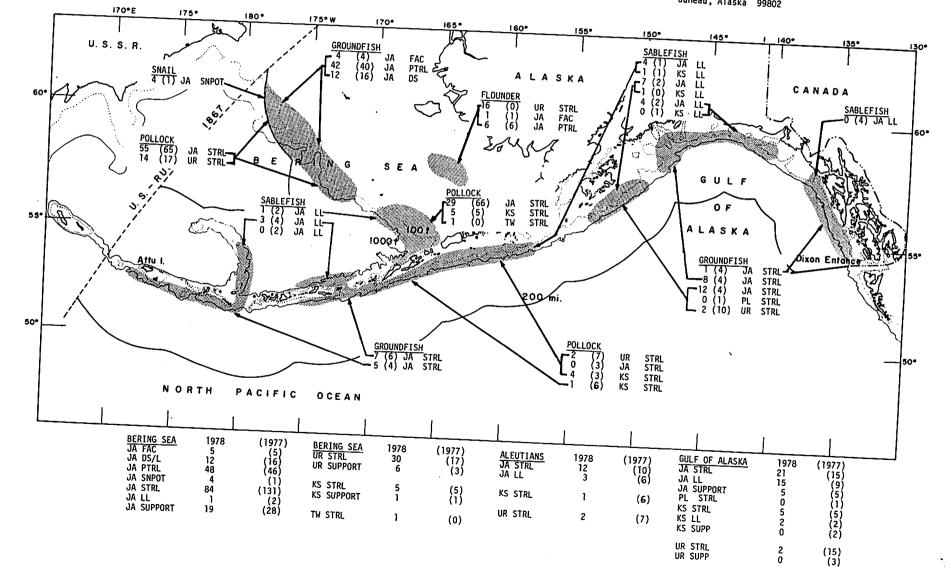
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FOREIGN FLEET COMPOSITION ALASKA REGION October 1 - 15, 1978 (October 1 - 31, 1977)

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NATION ABBREVIATIONS

JA JAPAN
UR USSR
KS SOUTH KOREA
TW TAIWAN
PL POLAND

VESSEL TYPE ABBREVIATIONS

FAC groundfish factory ship DS/L Danish seiner PTRL pair trawler CFAC crab factory ship **CPOT** crab pot vessels (with crab factory ships) independent crab pot vessel INPOT **SNPOT** snail pot vessel LL longline vessel independent stern trawler cargo, refrigerator, and tanker vessel STRL **SUPPORT**

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AGENDA ITEM:

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ACTION REQUIRED:

Informational

SUBJECT:

NMFS Reports

SUMMARY:

Two items will be discussed:

(1) The routine summary of foreign fishing activities off Alaska, and

(2) A discussion of the NOAA/NMFS budgetary process.

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COMMENTS:

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CATCH (METRIC TONS) REPORTED BY DESIGNATED FOREIGH OFFICIALS

DATE COMPILED: 10/30/1978

PERIOD COVERED: 1/ 1/1978 - 10/21/1978

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	SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH TANNER CRAB OTHER SPECIES	0.0	748.6 923.6 14961.9 31466.7	1870 3100 15000 45415	40.0 29.8 99.7 69.3
	SOUTH KOREA			•	
	SPECIES	WEEK EMDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
	SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH TAMMER CRAB OTHER SPECIES	3.2 6.5 0.0 69.4	3.2 219.5 0.0 1937.7	`200 300 0 2800	1.6 73.2 0.0 69.2
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	SPECIES	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
	SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH TANNER CRAB OTHER SPECIES	0.0 0.0 0.0 855.0	0.0 75.2 0.0 9556.0	265 3075 0 11145	0.0 2.4 0.0 85.7
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	SPECIES	WEEK EMDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
	SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH TANNER CRAB OTHER SPECIES	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	3.8 3.3 0.0 0.0	65 25 0 240	5.8 13.2 0.0 0.0
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	SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH TANNER CRAB OTHER SPECIES	PERIOD 12.8 71.8 0.0 1757.9	DATE 755.6 1221.6 14961.9 42960.4	2400 6500 15000 59600	31.5 18.8 99.7 72.1

JAPAN			•	,
SPECIES	WEEK EMDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH OTHER SPECIES	2.9 0.2 22.6	672.6 4681.4 14441.6	1170 6200 25900	57.5 75.5 55.8
SOUTH KOREA				
SPECIES	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SABLEFISH PACIFIC PERCH OTHER SPECIES	0.0 25.0 45.0	0.0 81.4 217.6	125 700 1600	0.0 11.6 13.6
SOVIET UNION			•	
SPECIES	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SABLEFISH	0.0	0.0	165	0.0
PACIFIC PERCH OTHER SPECIES	0.0 0.0	153.3 88.5	8050 6365	1.9 1.4
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SPECIES	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SABLEFISH	0.0	0.0.	40	0.0
PACIFIC PERCH OTHER SPECIES		0.0	50 135	0.0 0.0
TOTAL FOREIG				
SPECIES	CATCH THIS	CATCH TO PATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SABLEFISH	PERIOD 2.9	DATE 672.6	1500	44.8
PACIFIC PERCH	25.2	4916.1 14747.7	15000 34000	32.8 43.4
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SQUID YELLOWFIN SOLE FLOUNDER POLLOCK PACIFIC COD ATKA MACKEREL HERRING SHAILS	220.9 2315.0 1152.3 14056.8 675.2 64.3 97.9 36.9	5998.9 38780.9 63919.4 729812.1 31684.6 1037.3 713.3 2194.4	9870 63900 83800 792300 38850 2000 2580 3000	60.8 60.7 76.3 92.1 81.6 51.9 27.6 73.1
SOUTH KOREA	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SQUID YELLOWFIN SOLI FLOUNDER POLLOCK PACIFIC COD ATKA MACKEREL HERRING SNAILS	0.7 E 0.0 2.7 816.3 0.8 3.6 0.0	24.5 12.1 24.4 52142.9 68.7 27.5 4.4 0.0	50 100 100 60000 100 100 20	49.0 12.1 24.4 86.9 68.7 27.5 22.0 0.0
SOVIET UNION	WEEK ENDING 10/21/1978	CATCH TO DATE	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
SQUID YELLOWFIN SOLE FLOUNDER POLLOCK PACIFIC COD ATKA MACKEREL HERRING SHAILS	0.0 4297.0 3293.0 155.0 78.0 0.0 0.0	21.0 31256.9 24028.8 76420.8 311.8 20850.8 3447.7 0.0	70 41950 55050 92700 17500 22600 6060	30.0 74.5 43.6 82.4 1.8 92.3 56.9 0.0

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	WEEK	CATCH	FCMA 1978	PERCENT
SPECIES	ENDING	TO	ALLOCATION	TAKEH
	10/21/1978	DATE		
COULT			4.0	
SQUID	0.0	8.9	10	89.0
YELLOWFIH SOLE		0.7	50	1.4
FLOUNDER	0.0	49.4	50	98.8
POLLOCK	0.0	2297.4	5000	45.9
PACIFIC COD .	0.0	41.9	50	83.8
ATKA MACKEREL	0.0	0.3	100	0.3
HERRING	0.0	0.0	10	0.0
SHAILS	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
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SPECIES	ZIHT	TO	ALLOCATION	TAKEN
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SQUID	221.6	6084.3	10000	60.8
YELLOWFIN SOLE		70050.6	106000	66.1
FLOUNDER	4448.0	88022.0	139000	63.3
POLLOCK	15028.1	860673.2	950000	90.6
PACIFIC COD	754.0	32107.0	56500	56.8
ATKA MACKEREL	67.9	21915.9	24800	88.4
HERRING	97.9	4165.4	8670	48.0
SHAILS	36 . 9	2194.4	3000	73.1

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JAPAN				
	WEEK	CATCH	FCMA 1978	PERCENT
SPECIES	ENDING	TO	ALLOCATION	TAKEN
	10/21/1978	DATE		
SQUID	29.2	77.7	1155	6.7
FLOUNDER	850.0	14202.7	21370	66.5
POLLOCK	1283.6	22930.9	32300	71.0
PACIFIC COD	741.3	5634.0	14722	38 .3
SABLEFISH	208.5	6064.2	8750	69.3
ATKA MACKEREL	58.0	1172.8	2000	58 .6
PACIFIC PERCH	88.4	3763.8	5198	72.4
ROCKFISH	8.2	671.9	1130	5 9 .5
OTHER SPECIES	87.5	2669.4	4405	60 .6

MEXICO				
,	WEEK	CATCH	FCMA 1978	PERCENT
SPECIES	ENDING	TO	ALLOCATION	TAKEN
	10/21/1978	DATE		
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SQUID	0.0	0.0	450	0.0
FLOUNDER	0.0	0.0	100	0.0
POLLOCK	0.0	0.0	6000	0.0
PACIFIC COD	0.0	0.0	2400	0.0
SABLEFISH	0.0	0.8	100	0.0
ATKA MACKEREL	0.0	0.0	100	0.0
PACIFIC PERCH	0.0	0.0	1000	0.0
ROCKFISH	0.0	0.0	224	0.0
OTHER SPECIES	0.0	0.0	500	0.0
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POLAND (ucek	CATCH	FCMA 1978	PERCENT
	WEEK		ALLOCATION	TAKEN
SPECIES	ENDING	TO	UFFRCU! IRII	HINEH
	10/21/1978	DATE		
SQUID .	0.0	0.0	50	0.0
FLOURDER	0.0	0.0	100	0.0
POLLOCK	0.0	0.0	7400	0.0
PACIFIC COD	0.0	0.0	798	0.0
SABLEFISH	0.0	0.0	50	0.0
ATKA MACKEREL		0.0	1030	0.0
PACIFIC PERCH		0.0	1178	0.0
ROCKFISH	0.0	0.0	255	0.0
OTHER SPECIES		0.0	770	0.0

SOUTH KOREA				
SPECIES	WEEK ENDING	CATCH TO	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
	10/21/1978	DATE		
SQUID FLOUNDER	11.4 16.1	47.6 85.0	145 200	32.8 42 . 5
POLLOCK PACIFIC COD	1079.4 153.5	15218.3 551.8	23370 1662	65.1 33.2
SABLEFISH ATKA MACKEREL	21.6 2.1	520.3 36.7	1000 100	52.0 36.7
PACIFIC PERCH	183.4	1975.7	3751	52.7
ROCKFISH OTHER SPECIES	36.1 90.6	336.1 1047.3	805 1910	41.8 54.8
SOVIET UNION	WEEK	COTCU	FCM A 1978	PERCENT
SPECIES	ENDING	CATCH TO	ALLOCATION	TAKEN
· •	10/21/1978	DATE		
SQUID FLOUNDER	0.0 0.0	1.6 420.0	100 2030	1.6 20.7
POLLOCK	0.0	41310.2	48270	85.6
PACIFIC COD	0.0	1172.1	5518	21.2
SABLEFISH	0.0	4.0	100	4.0
ATKA MACKEREL	0.0	18480.0	21570	85.7
PACIFIC PÉRCH ROCKFISH	0.0 0.0	646.2 0.2	7773 1665	8.3 0.0
OTHER SPECIES	0.0	419.1	5375	7.8
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SPECIES	CATCH THIS	CATCH TO	FCMA 1978 ALLOCATION	PERCENT TAKEN
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SQUID	40.6	126.9	1900	6.7
FLOUNDER	866.1	14707.7	23800	61.8
POLLOCK COR	2363.0 894.8	79459.4 7357.9	_ 117340 _ 25100	67.7 29.3
PACIFIC COD SABLEFISH	230.1	6588.5	10000	65.9
ATKA MACKEREL		19689.5	24800	79.4
PACIFIC PERCH	271.8	6385.7	18900	33.8
ROCKFISH	44.3	1008.2	4079	24.7
OTHER SPECIES	178.1	4135.8	12960	31.9

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1978 JAPANESE PACIFIC COD LONGLINERS FISHING WEST OF 157° W

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	6/03	1	1	5.2
	6/10	4	10	67.3
	6/17	5	17	99.7
	6/24	2	3	18.4
	7/08	3	3 2	13.3
	7/15	Ċ	11	80.7
	7/22	4	23	133.5
	7/29	2	4	22.0
	8/05	0	0 0 4 4 0	0.0
	8/12	0	0	0.0
	8/19	2	4	27.5
	8/26	4	4	31.3
	9/02	0		0.0
	9/09	6	21	139.7
	9/16	5	17	111.8
	9/23	5	17	118.5
	9/30	2	4	31.7
	10/07	5	27	185.8
	10/14	5	23	218.2
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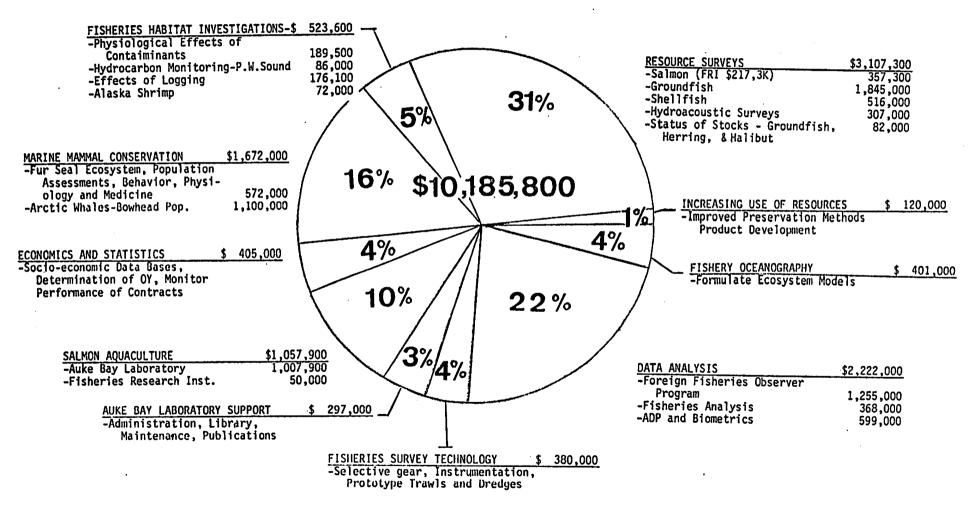
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CATCH (MT)	74.4	15.3	65.9	38.92	0.0	18.1	102.4	107.4	0.0	10.2	41.0	35.5	231.0	251.0	235.1	45.7	260.3	191.6	252.5		2579.9
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1978 JAPANESE PACIFIC COD LONGLINERS FISHING WEST OF 157° W

	WEEK ENDING	NO. VESSELS	(Estimated) NO. VESSEL DAYS	CATCH (MT)
TOTAL	4/29	6	17	74.4
	5/06	11	55	248.3
	5/13	10	34	147.0
	5/20	3	3	15.3
	6/03	10 3 7	14	71.1
	6/10	12	46	294.1
	6/17			138.6
	6/24	9 2 5 8	23 3 5 28	18.4
	7/08	5	5	31.4
	7/15	8	28	183.1
	7/22	10	40	240.9
	7/29	4		32.2
	8/05	0	6 0 2 10 9 1	0.0
	8/12	0 2	2	10.2
	8/19	6 9 1	10	68.5
	8/26	9	9	66.8
	9/02	1	1	6.8
	9/09	14	53	370.7
	9/16	13	52	362.8
	9/23	15	49	353.6
	9/30	4	11	77.4
	10/07	13	64	446.1
	10/14	13	50	409.8
	10/21	11	37	348.9
		TOTAL:	612	4016.4

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