

FOREIGN FISHING OPERATIONS OFF ALASKA

March 1976 and 1977

A total of 199 individual foreign fishing and associated support ships, 69 Japanese, 126 Soviet, 3 Korean and 1 Taiwanese, engaged in fishing off Alaska during March 1976. The 69 individual Japanese vessels included 2 crab factory ships, 12 crab pot vessels, 4 refrigerated transports, 30 stern trawlers, 12 longline vessels, 6 cargo vessels, 1 tanker and 2 patrol vessels. The 126 individual Soviet vessels included 5 factory ships, 61 stern trawlers, 47 medium trawlers, 2 cargo vessels, 2 tugs, 4 refrigerated transports, 1 tanker, 2 research vessels and 2 patrol ships. The 3 South Korean vessels were longline vessels. The Taiwanese vessel was a stern trawler.

From March 1 - 16, 1977, 107 foreign fishing and associated support ships, 58 Japanese and 49 Soviet, engaged in fishing off Alaska. The 58 Japanese vessels included 2 crab factory ships, 12 crab pot vessels, 3 refrigerated transports, 26 stern trawlers, 14 longline vessels and 1 patrol vessel. The 49 individual Soviet vessels included 43 stern trawlers, 5 refrigerated transports and one tug.

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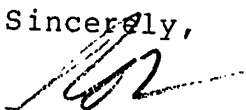
Dear Elmer:

I recently received your letter of February 19 informing me of Council action designating you, and an additional Council member of your choice, to represent the North Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council at fisheries negotiations conducted by the Department of State on matters of interest to the Council.

As I noted in my letter to you of February 28, we shall continue to welcome Council involvement in these negotiations. I personally feel the Council's action to be an effective response to the need for this type of representation and look forward to working with you and/or your designee in the months ahead. I have instructed my staff that all Regional Councils must be kept fully up-to-date on those parts of our negotiating schedule bearing on their interests. I can only hope that those last minute changes that seem an inevitable part of this scheduling procedure will be minimized so that planning and required travel will be less hectic for all involved.

Let me also take this opportunity to acknowledge your separate letter of February 19 commenting on the review of the various foreign permit applications which the Council completed at its February 17-18 meeting in Anchorage. I am confident these comments will prove helpful as we work to improve our overall implementation of P.L. 94-265 for 1978.

Sincerely,


Rozanne L. Ridgway
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for Oceans and Fisheries Affairs

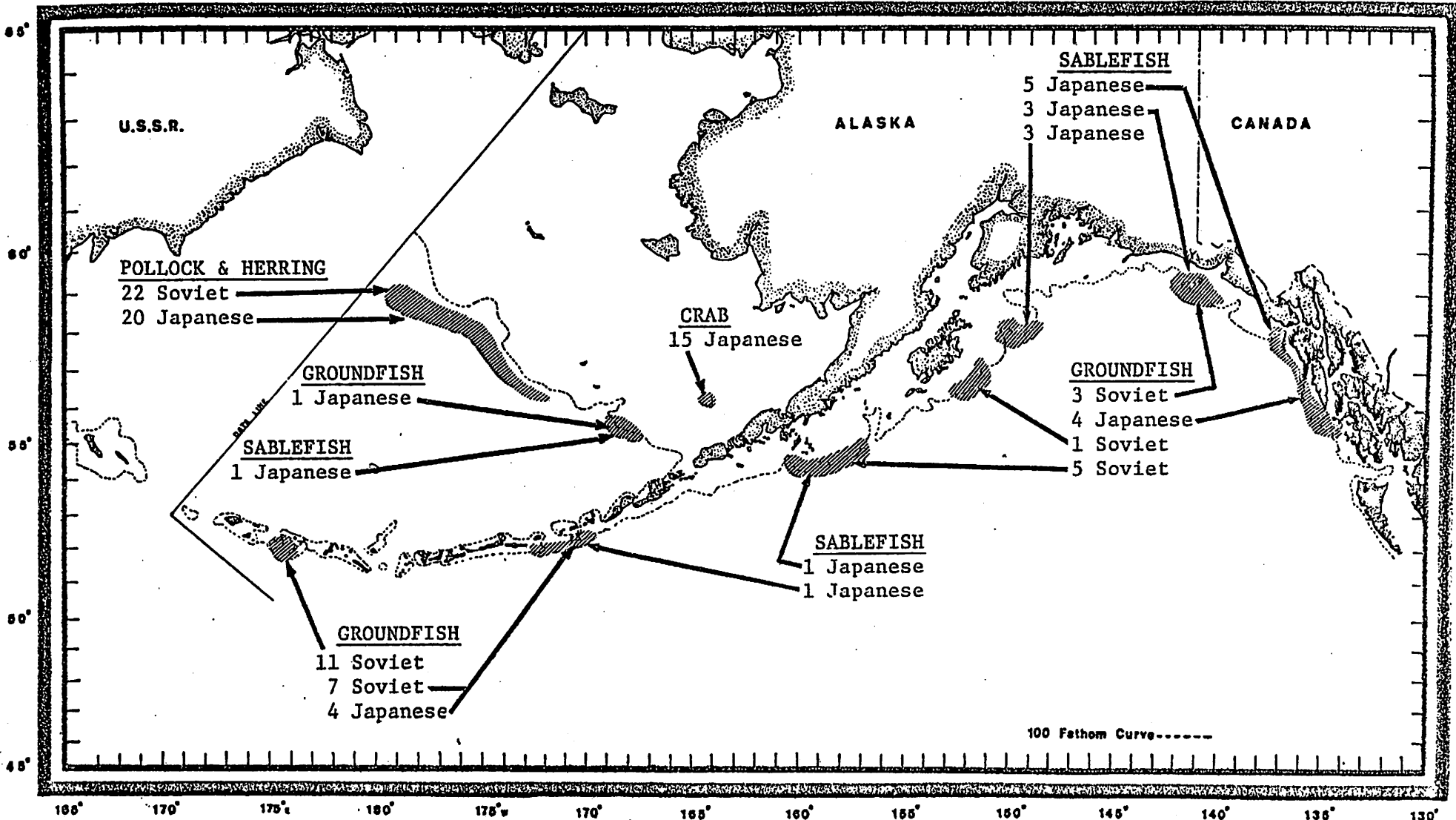
BERING SEA - ALEUTIANS

40 - Soviet
42 - Japanese

GULF

9 - Soviet
16 - Japanese

Total Vessels - 107



Foreign fishing off Alaska in March 1977 (March 1-16),
by country, number of vessels, principal fishing grounds
and species fished.

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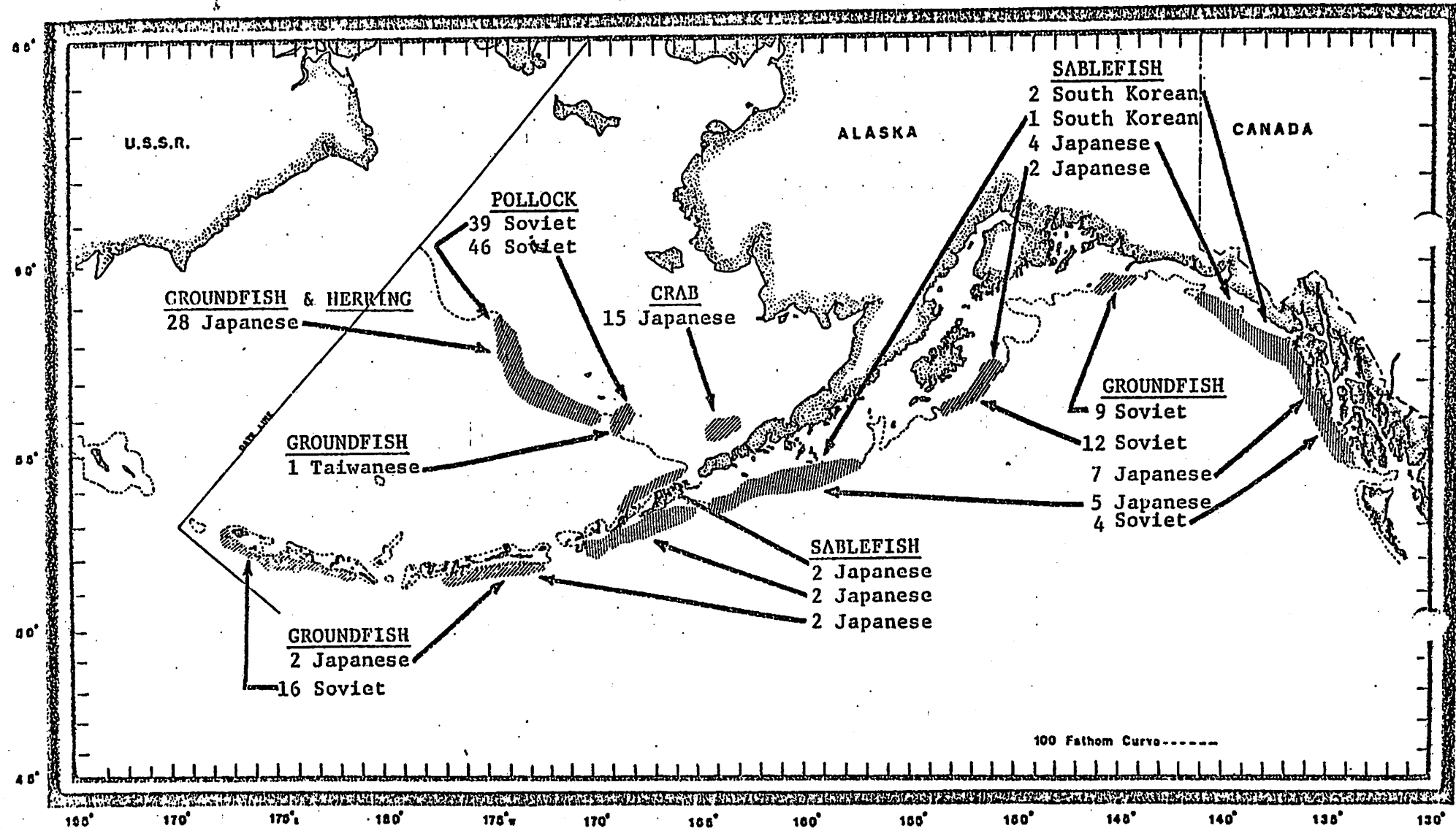
BERING SEA - ALEUTIANS

101 - Soviet
51 - Japanese
1 - Taiwanese

GULF

25 - Soviet
18 - Japanese
3 - South Korean

Total Vessels - 199



Foreign fishing off Alaska in March 1976, by country, number of vessels, principal fishing grounds and species fished.

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SOVIET ESTIMATED FISHERY STATISTICS
1976 & 1977

	<u>1977</u> UR Request (mt)	<u>1977</u> UR Allocation (mt)	<u>1976</u> UR Est. Catch (mt)
Pollock	198,045	175,800	190,000
Rockfish	30,314	21,500	25,000
Blackcod	298	800	1,000
Flounder	40,807	83,000	35,000
Pacific Cod	11,982	17,800	10,000
Other			
Groundfish	26,031	39,100	33,000
Herring	17,009	13,600	10,000
Grenadier	3,081	-0- ^{1/}	3,000
Atka Mackerel	<u>51,430</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL	378,997	372,600	357,000

^{1/} Included in other groundfish

COMPARATIVE NO. OF VESSELS

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u> Appl.	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Factory ships	22	6	4
Trawlers	210	42	42
Passenger	6	5	5
Refrigerated Transports	51	41	40
Stern Trawlers	143	97	96
Replacement Trawlers ^{2/}	---	28	0
Other (Tankers, Tugs, etc.)	29	20	20
Research	4	--	No permit required
Patrol	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>No permit required</u>
TOTAL	471	240	207

^{2/} Intended as replacements for permitted vessels which are unavoidably eliminated from the fishery.

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SOUTH KOREAN FISHERY
1976 & 1977

Species	<u>REQUESTED</u> 1977		<u>ALLOCATED</u> 1977		<u>ESTIMATED CATCH</u> 1976	
	<u>B.S./Aleut</u>	<u>Gulf</u>	<u>B.S./Aleut</u>	<u>Gulf</u>	<u>B.S./Aleut.</u>	<u>Gulf</u>
Pollock	370,000	30,000	40,000	35,800	94,137	19,551
Sablefish	5,000	11,000	600	1,600	---	2,534
Rockfish	14,110	6,720	---	600	---	---
Yellowfin Sole	39,785	---	---	---	---	---
Other Flounder	9,595	10,650	---	---	---	---
Herring	7,200	---	---	---	---	---
Pacific Cod	6,720	1,240	---	---	---	---
Other Groundfish	4,140	1,260	2,490	100	---	---
Snails	200	---	---	---	---	---
Tanner Crab	11,221	---	---	---	---	---
Atka Mackerel	---	2,180	---	---	---	---
B.S./Gulf Total	531,021		81,190		116,222	

Comparative No. of Vessels

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u> <u>Applications</u>	<u>Permitted</u>
Factory ship	1	1	0
Longliner	12	7	7
Pot vessel	--	10	0
Stern trawlers	<u>35</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>21</u>
Total	48	70	28

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JAPANESE ESTIMATED FISHERY STATISTICS
1976 & 1977

	<u>1977</u> JA Request (mt)	<u>1977</u> JA Allocation (mt)	<u>1976</u> JA Est. Catch (mt)
Pollock	850,000	836,400	546,000 (Fac) ^{1/}
Rockfish	34,000	31,800	0
Blackcod	24,500	19,500	21,000
Flounder	146,000	142,300	45,000 (Fac) ^{1/}
Pacific Cod	46,000	39,700	0
Other Groundfish	40,000	67,700	512,000 (All Groundfish) ^{2/}
Herring	10,000	5,800	6,000
Snails	0	2,700	0
Shrimp	500	0	0
Tanner Crab	10,200	12,500	10,200
Squid	10,000	10,000	0
Atka Mackerel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u> ^{3/}	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1,163,000	1,168,400	1,140,200

Factory Fleets only

^{2/} Includes pollock, Pacific cod, rockfish

^{3/} Included in other groundfish

COMPARATIVE NO. OF VESSELS

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u> AppT.	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Factory ships (not incl. salmon)	8	8	8
Trawlers	110	90	86
Longliners	24	22	22
Pot Vessels	31	62	12
Refrigerated Transports	65	102	5
Stern Trawlers	283	210	202
Replacement Trawlers ^{4/}	---	17	0
Other (Tankers, Tugs, etc.)	4	22	0
Research	3	---	No permit required
Patrol	<u>5</u>	<u>---</u>	No permit required
TOTAL	533	533	335

^{4/} Intended as replacements for permitted vessels which are unavoidably eliminated from the fishery.

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SUMMARY OF FOREIGN FISHING PERMITS--1977

VESSEL TYPE	PERMITTED AREA															TOTAL				
	BERING - ALEUT.					GULF					BERING - ALEUT. & GULF					JA	KS	UR	PL	TW
	JA	KS	UR	PL	TW	JA	KS	UR	PL	TW	JA	KS	UR	PL	TW					
Large Stern Trawl	161	12	55	--	4	1	8	22	12	--	40	1	19	--	--	202	21	96	12	4
Med. Stern Trawl	86*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	86	--	1	--	--
Side Trawl	--	--	31	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	41	--	--
Factory	8	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	4	--	--
Cargo/Transport	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	5	--	41	--	--	5	--	40	2	--
Tanker	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	16	--	--
Passenger	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	5	--	--
Tug	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Rescue	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--
Longliner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	7	--	--	--	22	7	--	--	--
Crab Pot	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	267	12	94	--	4	1	8	27	14	--	67	8	87	--	--	335	28	207	14	4

*Includes Danish seiners and pair trawlers

Country	No. of Vessel Permits		No. of Vessels Off Alaska		
	Requested	Approved	1976	1975	1974
Japan	533 ^{1/}	335 ^{1/}	533 ^{1/}	380 ^{1/}	435 ^{1/}
USSR	240	207	471	459	448
Korea	70	28	53	21	43
Poland	14	14	0	3	1
Taiwan	29	4	24	2	1
Total ()	886	588	1081	865 ()	928

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^{1/} Does not include salmon fleets

FOREIGN FISHING ALLOCATION OFF ALASKA BY COUNTRY
(1,000's metric tons)
1977

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SPECIES/AREA	JAPAN	USSR	ROK	TAIWAN	POLAND	TOTAL ASSIGNED	UNASSIGNED	TOTAL FOREIGN ALLOCATION	U.S. CAPACITY	TAC
POLLOCK:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	792.3	112.7	40.0	5.0	0	950.0	0	950.0	0	950.0
Gulf of Alaska	44.1	63.1	35.8	0	6.0	149.0	0	149.0	1.0	150.0
SABLEFISH:										
Bering Sea	3.6 ^{1/}	0.62 ^{2/}	0.41 ^{1/}	0.22 ^{2/}	0	4.8	0.2	5.0	0	5.0
Aleutians	2.0 ^{1/}	0.22 ^{2/}	0.21 ^{1/}	0	0	2.4	0	2.4	0	2.4
Gulf-Southeast ^{3/}	3.75	0	0	0	0	3.75 ^{3/}	0	3.75 ^{3/}	2.2	22.0 ^{4/}
Gulf-Central & Western ^{3/}	10.15	0	1.6	0	0	11.75 ^{3/}	0	11.75 ^{3/}	0.3	
	19.50									
PACIFIC COD:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	38.1	17.2	0	0	0	55.3	2.7	58.0	0	58.0
Gulf of Alaska	1.6	0.6	0	0	0.1	2.3	0	2.3	4.0	6.3
YELLOWFIN SOLE:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	62.1	40.8	0	0	0	102.9	3.1	106.0	0	106.0
OTHER FLOUNDERS:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	61.5	40.4	0	0	0	101.9	3.1	105.0	0	105.0
FLOUNDERS:										
Gulf of Alaska	18.7	1.8	0	0	0	20.5	0	20.5	3.0	23.5
HERRING:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	5.8	13.6	0	0	0	19.4	0.6	20.0	1.0	21.0
PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH:										
Bering Sea	2.8	3.5	0	0	0	6.3	0.2	6.5	0	6.5
Aleutians	6.5	8.1	0	0	0	14.6	0.4	15.0	0	15.0
Gulf of Alaska	19.8	8.7	0.5	0	0	29.0	0	29.0	1.0	30.0
OTHER ROCKFISH:										
Gulf of Alaska	2.7	1.2	0.1	0	0	4.0	0	4.0	1.0	5.0
SQUID:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	10.0	0	0	0	0	10.0	0	10.0	0	10.0
ATKA MACKEREL:										
Gulf of Alaska	0	21.0	0	0	1.0	22.0	0	22.0	0	22.0
OTHER GROUND FISH:										
Bering Sea	40.4	17.4	1.6	0.2	0	59.6	0	59.6	0	59.6
Aleutians	23.1	9.9	0.89	0.11	0	34.0	0	34.0	0	34.0
Gulf of Alaska	4.2	11.8	0.1	0	0.1	16.2	0	16.2	0	16.2
TANNER CRAB:										
Bering Sea	12.5	0	0	0	0	12.5	0	12.5	22.7	35.2
SNAILS:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	2.7	0	0	0	0	2.7	0.3	3.0	0	3.0
TOTALS:										
Bering Sea/Aleutians	1,063.4	264.4	43.09	5.51	0	1,376.4	10.6	1,387.0	23.7	1,410.7
Gulf of Alaska	105.0	108.2	38.1	0	7.2	258.5	0	258.5	12.5	275.0
Grand Total	1,168.4	372.6	81.19	5.51	7.2	1,634.9	10.6	1,645.5 ^{2/}	36.2	1,685.7 ^{4/}

1/ Includes incidental trawl catch

2/ Incidental catch only

3/ Does not include 4,000 metric ton allowable incidental trawl sablefish catch in Gulf of Alaska

4/ Includes 4,000 metric ton allowable incidental trawl sablefish catch in Gulf of Alaska