

POLISH FISHERIES OFF ALASKA, 1975

Poland entered the fisheries off Alaska in late 1974 with a groundfish fishery in the Gulf of Alaska. This followed a brief exploratory cruise in 1973 by a stern trawler in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea.

Groundfish Fishery

An independent stern trawler initiated the Polish fishery off Alaska in late December 1974. The vessel fished mainly in the eastern Gulf of Alaska between Yakutat and Kayak Island until mid-January when it was joined by a sister ship and they shifted to Albatross Bank south of Kodiak Island. The first stern trawler was replaced by a third stern trawler in late January. Those two trawlers remained on Albatross Bank until departing the Alaskan area in late February.

The trawlers targeted on Pacific cod but also took a variety of other groundfish species. It is estimated that the Polish catch off Alaska totaled 3,500 to 4,000 metric tons.