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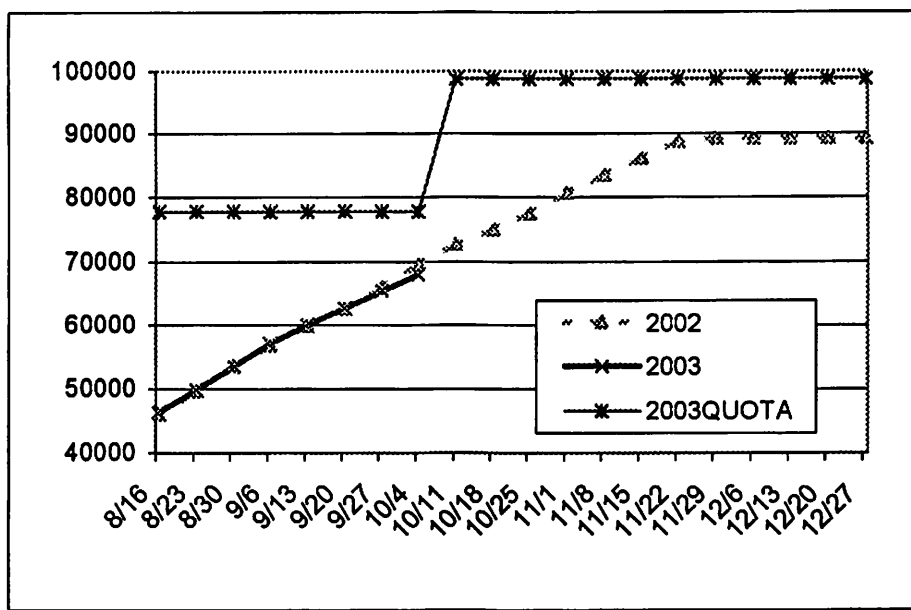
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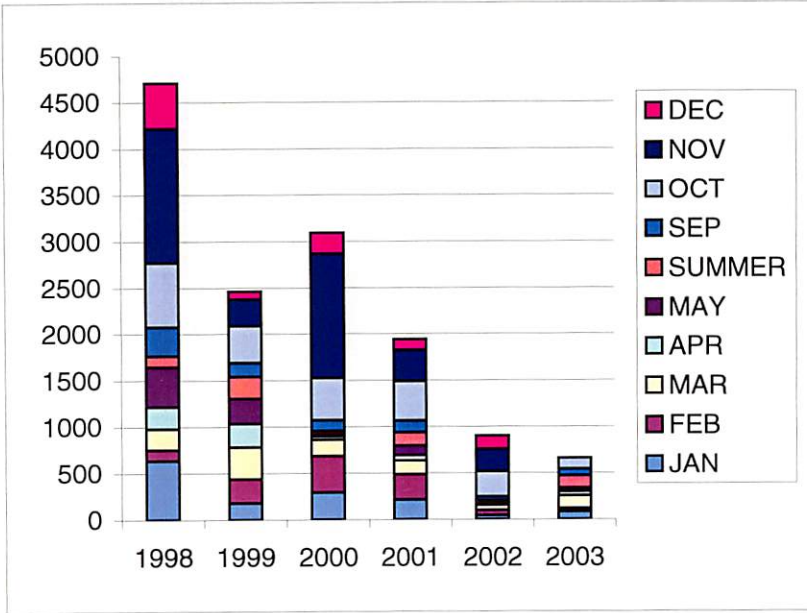
For week 10/11, now mostly complete, data has been reported from 29 boats. Average halibut bycatch rate was 47 kg/mt cod with a range from 4 to 271 kg/mt. Halibut viability was taken on 22 boats: fleet average was 8.6%. Nine boats had perfect 3.5% rates, highest was 45.3%. It doesn't look like catches improved any that week.

Very little data has been reported so far this current week. I'll have updated Bird and effort location reports for you tomorrow.

The cod reallocation has been announced. H&L CPs have a new allocation of 98,811 mt. H&L CVs have a new allocation of 492 mt.

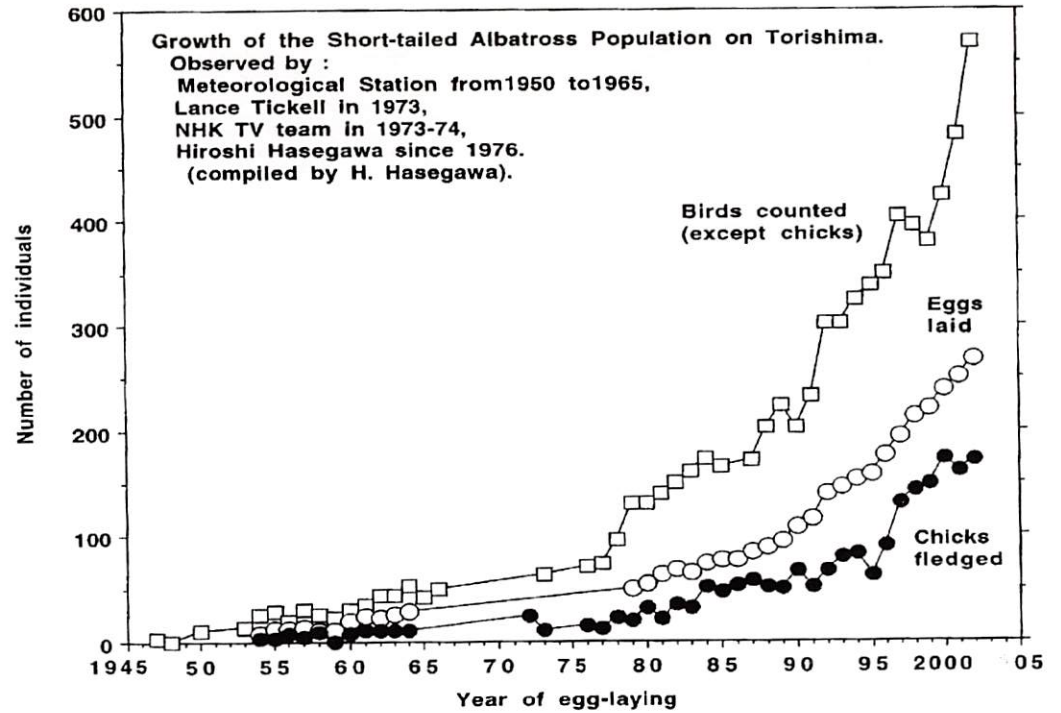


FREEZER-LONGLINER INCIDENTAL TAKE OF SEABIRDS IN THE BERING SEA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND GULF OF ALASKA

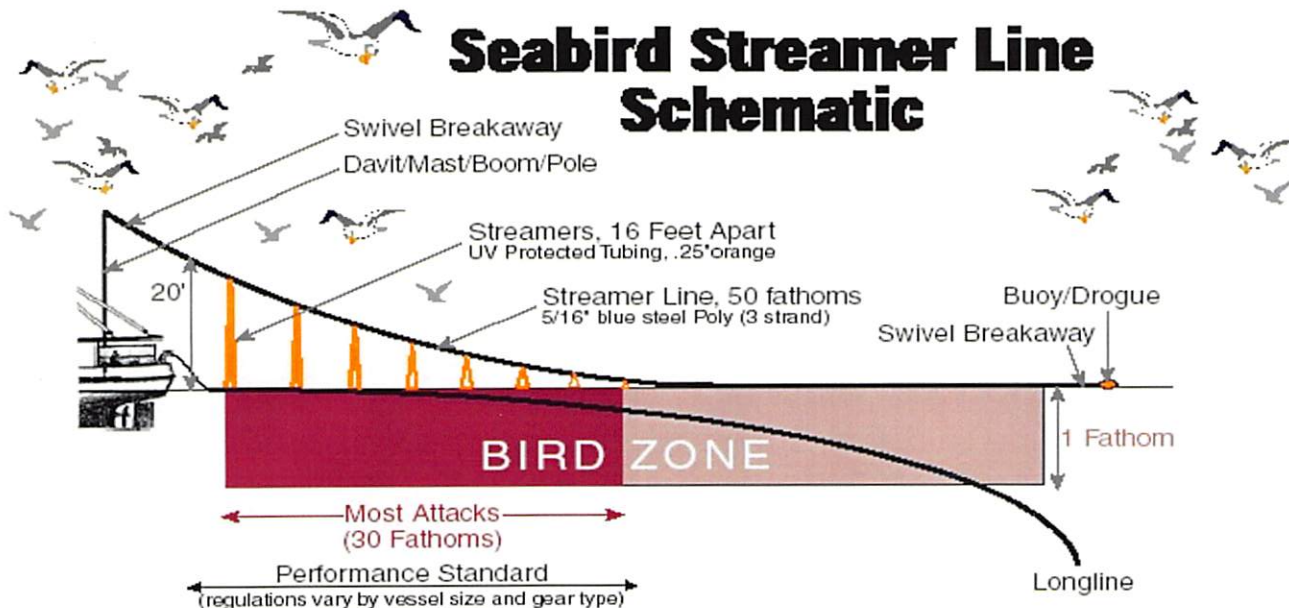


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*2003 DATA TO OCTOBER 23rd



Seabird Streamer Line Schematic



Note: Streamer lines of this design are being made available by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at no cost to members of the Alaska longline fleet.

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Photo Courtesy of Hiroshi Hasegawa



Short-Tailed Albatross - 2003 Population 1,800



Feather Merchants - Near Extinction

Photo Courtesy of Japanese Coast Guard



Torishima, where 90% of the Short-Tails nest



Juvenile Short-Tailed, St. Paul Island

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Black Footed Albatrosses



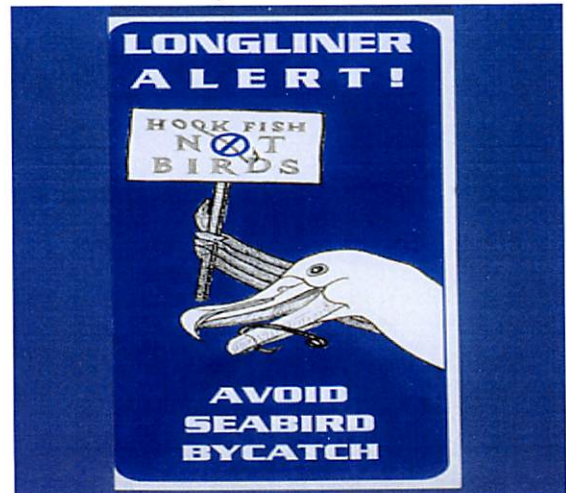
Laysan Albatrosses

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Short-Tailed with Laysans



17,000 Brochures Prepared for Longliners