

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STATUS REPORT ON JOINT VENTURES OFF ALASKA FOR 1988

The total joint venture catch off Alaska through June 4 as reported by NMFS was 1,071,994 mt. All of this catch is from the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands areas. There have been no joint venture harvests in the Gulf of Alaska. The species composition is:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Catch (mt)</u>
Pollock	680,933
Yellowfin sole	189,730
Pacific cod	93,248
Flatfish	98,735
Others	<u>9,348</u>
 TOTAL	 1,071,994,

The number of U.S. harvesting boats delivering to joint venture processors has not varied greatly during 1988. However, the lowest number of harvestors, 113, is higher than any month in previous years.

Number of U.S. Trawlers Making Joint Venture Deliveries

<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>											
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
1984	24	56	50	42	32	63	66	57	57	21	14	4
1985	11	61	79	78	73	87	92	96	85	50	20	6
1986	3	64	79	92	88	95	99	102	92	78	28	11
1987	52	92	101	108	97	110	82	32	44	47	7	2
1988	118	119	113	120	124							

Joint venture catches by company are listed in Table 1. Joint venture companies catching the largest amount of pollock, yellowfin sole, and Pacific cod were:

Pollock (over 90,000 mt each)
Northern Deep Sea Fisheries (Japan)
Westward Trawlers (Japan)
ProFish (Korea)

Yellowfin Sole (over 35,000 mt each)
Marine Resources (USSR)
Northern Deep Sea Fisheries (Japan)
ProFish (Korea)

Pacific Cod (over 50,000 mt)
Marine Resources (USSR)

Notification has been received indicating that the joint venture with Iceland will not be conducted this year.

TABLE 1.

JOINT VENTURE REQUESTS AND CATCH THROUGH MAY 1988^{1/}

	1988 Request (mt)	Catch Date (mt)
<u>JAPAN</u>		
Westward Trawlers: Taiyo, Hakodate	--	169,765
Kodiak Western Trawl: Kanai	10,000	9,513
Alyeska Ocean: Hoko	--	43,368
Peter Pan: Kaiyo, Nichiro, Shinnichi, Kanefuji, Ohura, Esahi	--	59,163
Northern Deep Sea Fish.: Nissui	--	212,669
Profish: Anyo, Fukushin, Kanari, Marue, Matsubun, Yoshida, Ohtori	--	14,606
Golden Age Fisheries: Watarai, Kato, Maruyozosen	38,500	22,500
Trawl Resources: Hokkaido	--	6,154
Alaska Pacific: Anyo (canceled)	--	--
TOTAL	916,700	537,738
<u>KOREA</u>		
Cal-Alaska: Mar. Enterprise (cancelled)	9,043	--
Alaska JV Seafoods: Nambug, Taewoong	49,700	28,213
Profish: Korea Wonyang, Dongbang, Dongwon, Namyang, Namyangsa, Sajo, Silla, Oyang	320,630	141,820
Arctic Venture Fish: Gaeyang	12,601	6,523
Dona JV Fish: Hansung, Korea Wonyang	69,501	43,900
Alaska Surimi Products/Korea Wonyang	66,709	Unava
Alaska Trawl Fisheries: Daerim	56,777	21,175
American Offshore Ventures: Samho Moolsan	70,000	28,397
TOTAL	654,961	270,121
<u>USSR</u>		
Marine Resources	226,070	140,009
<u>POLAND</u>		
Alaska Pacific: Dalmor	15,000	6,000
Profish: Gryf	15,000	2,500
Quest: Odra	15,000	--
TOTAL	45,000	8,500
<u>CHINA</u>		
North Pacific Int.	?	9,544 ^{2/}
China Pacific Ventures	?	10,165 ^{2/}
TOTAL	87,000	19,699
<u>ICELAND</u>		
Kris Poulsen and Assoc. (canceled)	40,000	--
GRAND TOTAL	1,969,731	976,067

^{1/} Based on data volunteered by joint venture companies. Some landings through June 11, 1988.

^{2/} As of the April 1988 Council meeting.

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Dr. Clarence Pautzke
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Dear Dr. Pautzke:

At the December 1987 Council meeting, Alaska Pacific International, Ltd., proposed on behalf of Poland that U.S. government scientist observers be placed on board Polish fishing vessels operating in the donut area of the Bering high seas. In return for this cooperation with the U.S., we requested that the Polish vessel and joint venture permit applications be recommended for approval. This request was accepted by the Council and in March 1988, two N.M.F.S. observers boarded a Polish fishing vessel and departed for the Bering Sea. Cooperation has been reported as excellent.

Our company, as a participant in both U.S.-flagged factory fishing operations and joint venture operations, is concerned about management issues relating to the donut area. At this time, we want to urge the Council to aggressively pursue a policy and practice of furthering research efforts in this important area. And while the duty of other countries is clear under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, we believe it will be necessary for the Council to provide incentives to promote cooperation on conservation and management measures, including the first step of research.

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Dr. Clarence Pautzke
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The observer program arranged this past winter with the Polish was a good beginning. We would like to ask the Council to consider making an expression of appreciation for this cooperation, with a view towards continuing research. Also, we would suggest that the Council may want to take advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate to other countries that cooperation on research will be rewarded in some fashion in the future.

Very truly yours,


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President

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Interim Report - 1988 Hoko-Alyeska Ocean Joint
Alaska Pollock Fishery

Dear sirs:

For the reference of members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following summary of the second phase of our United States-Japan joint fishery for Alaska pollock:

Japanese Company
Hoko Fishing Company
No. 2-4, 1-chome, Tsukiji
Tokyo, Japan

Name and Size of the Processing Vessels
Chikubu Maru

111 meters
5,460 gross tons

Tsuda Maru

111 meters
4,317 gross tons

American Company
Alyeska Ocean, Inc.
816 Fourth Street
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Name and Size of the Fishing Vessels

M/V Aldabaran

195 gross tons

M/V Alyeska

198 gross tons

M/V Arcturus

198 gross tons

M/V Auriga

1249 gross tons

Beginning Dates of Fishing (GMT)

April 16, 1988

End of Fishing (GMT)

May 25, 1988

Areas of Fishing (GMT)

Area 51, Area 52

Operating Days

	Area	Chikubu Maru	Tsuda Maru	Total	
Fishing Days	51	11 days	13 days	24 days	
	52	30 days	29 days	59 days	
Cargo Transfer		(included in fishing days)			
Other		0 days	0 days	0 days	
Total		<u>41 days</u>	<u>42 days</u>	<u>0 days</u>	83 days

Composition of Catch (metric tons)


Vessel	Chikubu Maru		Tsuda Maru		Total	
Area of Catch	51	52	51	52		
Alaska Pollock	3316.0	9672.3	3663.3	9327.3	25978.9	
Pacific Cod	34.9	28.3	36.1	23.4	122.7	
Other	3.9	4.9	6.9	4.4	20.1	
Total	<u>3354.8</u>	<u>9705.5</u>	<u>3706.3</u>	<u>9355.1</u>		26121.7 mt

Average Catch/Fishing Day

314.7 mt/day

Fishing conditions continued normal for the second phase of our Alaska pollock fishery and the catch was comparatively good. The average catch/fishing day of 314.7 mt/day was slightly higher than the 300.4 mt/day obtained during the first phase of our Alaska pollock fishery. Further, the catch was considerably higher than the 275.1 mt/day obtained in 1987 and quite comparable to the 320.3 mt/day of 1983 and 337 mt/day of 1984.

Sincerely yours,


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Final Report - 1988 Hoko-Alyeska Ocean
Joint Yellowfin Sole Fishery

Dear sirs:

For the reference of members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following summary of the second phase of our 1988 United States-Japan joint fishery for yellowfin sole:

Japanese Company
Hoko Fishing Company
No. 2-4, 1-chome, Tsukiji
Tokyo, Japan

Name and Size of the Processing Vessel -
Tsuda Maru

111 meters
4,317 gross tons

American Company
Alyeska Ocean, Inc.
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Name and Size of the Fishing Vessels
M/V Alyeska
M/V Aldabaran

198 gross tons
195 gross tons

Beginning Date of Fishing (GMT)

May 25, 1988

End of Fishing (GMT)

June 3, 1988

Type of Gear

Bottom trawl

Areas of Fishing

Area 51

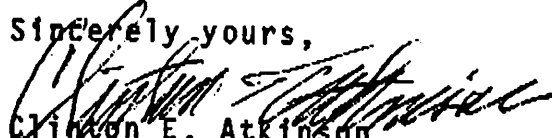
Operating Days		
Fishing Days		
Cargo transfer	7 days	
Other (change fishing areas)	1 day	
Total	<u>2 days</u>	10 days

Composition of Catch		
Yellowfin Sole	478.1 mt	
Rock Sole	4.2 mt	
Other Flounder	18.8 mt	
Alaska Pollock	0.1 mt	
Other Fish	<u>29.7 mt</u>	
Total		530.9 mt

Average Catch/Fishing Day 75.8 mt/day

The fishing conditions for yellowfin sole in 1988 were quite normal. Although the catch averaged 75.8 mt/day for this second phase of our 1988 yellowfin sole fishery (about the same as the 77.0 mt/day obtained in 1986), the over all catch was only 44.6 mt/fishing day, strongly affected by the low catch rate of only 34.0 mt/fishing day during the first phase of our 1988 fishery.

As in the past, the fishery was conducted in close cooperation with our JV partner, Alyeska Ocean, Inc. Two representatives of Alyeska Ocean Inc. were placed aboard the processing vessel to assure a regular and adequate supply of fish for processing.

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