

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STATUS REPORT ON JOINT VENTURES OFF ALASKA FOR 1987

The total joint venture catch off Alaska through May 6 as reported by NMFS was 900,034 mt, which included the following species harvests, all from the Bering Sea and Aleutians:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Catch (mt)</u>
Pollock	787,189
Pacific cod	32,829
Flatfish	16,511
Yellowfin sole	61,067
Others	<u>2,438</u>
TOTAL	900,034

The 900,000 mt catch in the first four months of 1987 shows a considerable increase over same period in the past years when joint ventures took 467,199 mt in 1986, and 362,290 mt in 1985. The number of joint venture catcher boats off Alaska in January through April also reflects this much increased activity as shown below. Last week, 57 foreign processors were on the grounds supporting joint ventures.

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							

Catch reports for the various joint venture companies are shown in the attached table. Total reported catch through early May is 967,189 mt for the five countries participating in joint ventures. U.S. trawlers delivered 566,806 mt to Japanese processors, 313,252 mt to the Koreans, 70,000 mt to the Soviets, 4,915 mt to the Poles, and 12,216 mt to the Chinese. The harvest stands at about 48% of the total requested at the December Council meeting.

Most companies report they will continue on pollock so long as JVP is available. Some will go after Atka mackerel in Sequam Pass while others will start yellowfin sole and flatfish operations. As might be expected, there's a high degree of interest in what the Council may recommend on reapportionments and reserve releases to JVP at the May meeting.

JOINT VENTURE STATUS FOR 1987

	1987 Request (mt)	Catch To Date (mt)	%	Species
<u>JAPAN</u>				
Whitney Fidalgo: Ohtori	44,300	26,550	60	pollock
Westward Trawlers: Taiyo, Esahi, Hokkaido, Kanefuji ^{1/} , Ohura ^{1/}	325,335	200,000	61	pollock
Kodiak Western Trawl: Kanai	6,963	0	0	--
Alyeska Ocean: Hoko	57,100	44,442	78	pollock
Peter Pan: Kaiyo, Nansei, Nichiro, Shinnichi, Kanefuji, Ohura	50,769	25,750	51	pollock, flounders
Northern Deep Sea Fish.: Nissui	388,709	259,919	67	pollock, flounders
Profish: Anyo, Fukushin, Kanari, Kato Marue, Matsubun, Watarai, Yoshida	36,460	10,145	28	pollock
Undecided: Hokuten Association	5,000	0	0	--
Pac. Coop.: Japan Longliners	2,000	0	0	--
TOTAL	916,636	566,806	62	
<u>KOREA</u>				
Cal-Alaska: Mar. Enterprise	10,040	5,792	58	--
Alaska JV Fisheries: Samho, Taewoong, Nambug, Daerim	195,000	81,000	42	pollock, sole, cod
Profish: Korea Wonyang, Dongbang, Dongwon, Namyang, Namyangsa, Sajo, Silla	352,900	148,235	42	pollock
JV Fisheries: Oyang	46,800	23,000	49	pollock
Arctic Venture Fish: Transocean	13,000	5,760	44	pollock
Dona JV Fish: Hansung	65,000	23,291	36	pollock
Alaska Surimi Products/Korea Wonyang	80,000	26,174	33	pollock
TOTAL	762,740	313,252	42	
<u>USSR</u>				
Marine Resources	200,000	70,000	35	cod, pollock, flounders
<u>POLAND</u>				
Alaska Pacific: Dalmor	15,000 ^{2/}	670	4	pollock
Profish: Gryf	15,000	4,245	28	--
Quest: Odra	6,000	0	0	--
TOTAL	36,000 ^{3/}	4,915	13	
<u>CHINA</u>				
North Pacific Int.	37,000	12,216	33	pollock
GRAND TOTAL	1,998,876	967,189	48	

- 1/ Cooperative with Peter Pan Seafoods.
2/ Option for additional 10,000 mt.
3/ Poland originally requested 82,500 mt.

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Interim Report - 1987 Hoko-Alyeska Ocean Joint Pollock
Fishery: (2) Bering Sea Area

Dear sirs:

For reference of the members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following information on the second phase of our 1987 United States-Japan joint Alaska pollock fishery:

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

Name and Size of the Processing Vessels:
Chikubu Maru (February 1 to April 28)

111 meters
5,000 gross tons

Tsuda Maru (February 15 to present)

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 Andrew McGee (Feb. 1 to present)
M/V Aldebaran (Feb. 1 to present)
M/V Alyeska (Feb. 6 to present)
M/V Arcturus (April 1 to present)

198 gross tons
195 gross tons
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Beginning Date of Fishing (GMT)

February 1, 1987

End of Fishing

(still in progress)

Type of Gear

Mid-water trawl only

Area of Fishing

150 days
22 days

Area 51
Area 52

Operating Days	Chikubu Maru	82 days
Fishing Days	Tsuda Maru	80 days
	Sub-total	
Cargo Transfer	Chikubu Maru	5 days
	Tsuda Maru	5 days
	Sub-total	
Total		<u>10 days</u>
		<u>172 days</u>

Composition of Catch		
Alaska Pollock	Chikubu Maru	22,030.618 mt
	Tsuda Maru	<u>22,117.970 mt</u>
	Sub-total	
Pacific Cod	Chikubu Maru	127.946 mt
	Tsuda Maru	<u>157.617 mt</u>
	Sub-total	
Other	Chikubu Maru	3.772 mt
	Tsuda Maru	<u>3.654 mt</u>
	Sub-total	
Total	Chikubu Maru	22,162.336 mt
	Tsuda Maru	<u>22,279.237 mt</u>
		<u>44,441.573 mt</u>

Average Catch/Fishing Day (Feb. 1-May 10) 274.3 mt/day

This is the second phase of the 1987 Hoko-Alyeska Ocean joint fishing operations for pollock, confined entirely to the Bering Sea. Two processing vessels were used during most of the season: The Chikubu Maru from February 1 thru April 28; the Tsuda Maru from February 15 and will continue until the end of the spring fishery. The number of trawlers was increased from the three used during the first two months of the fishery to four beginning on the first of April. The average catch per fishing day decreased from the 290.3 mt/day obtained in February to 269.3 mt/day from March until May 10th. About 100 salmon have been taken this year in the fishery while the catch of the other prohibited species was negligible.

As in the previous years, our operations continue to be conducted in a spirit of close cooperation between Hoko and Alyeska Ocean, with two representatives from Alyeska Ocean aboard each of the processing vessels to assure a regular and adequate supply of fish during the fishing season.

Sincerely yours,



Clinton E. Atkinson
Consultant and Advisor
Hoko Fishing Company