

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DOMESTIC FISHERIES REPORT

Southeast Region:

Since opening October 1, 1984, approximately 20,000 chinook salmon have been taken in the winter troll fishery. Fishing effort is about the same as last year when 33,000 chinooks were caught during the winter season. However, the distribution of the catch is different with lower harvests on the outside areas due to inclement weather and increased catches from inside waters.

There have been approximately 850,000 lbs of Tanner crab landed since the season opened February 10, with 70 vessels participating. A season closure on March 28, 1985 has been announced and should result in close to 1.0 million pounds of Tanner crab being taken for the season.

The 1984/85 brown king crab harvest stands at 600,000 lbs. The season has been divided into two portions, October 10, to November 24, 1984 and February 10 to March 10, 1985. The traditional harvest area have closed for the season. The non-traditional fishing areas will remain open until approximately September 25, 1985 and should account for an additional 100,000 pounds of brown king crab.

Central Region

The Prince William pot shrimp spring season opened on March 15, 1985 with a season harvest level guideline of 75,000 to 100,000 pounds. The Montague Strait experimental harvest area has been opened since January 1, 1985 with 11 vessels landing 12,093 pounds of shrimp.

There have been no landings of trawl shrimp or Tanner crab in P.W.S. for calendar year 1985.

In lower Cook Inlet, only the Outer/Eastern subdistrict remains open to Tanner crab fishing and no recorded landing have occurred. Approximately 2.8 million pounds of Tanner crab has been landed in lower Cook Inlet for the season.

Westward Region

Regional Tanner crab harvests total 27.7 million pound (12.3 C. opilio and 15.4 C. baridi). The South Peninsula and Chignik Districts closed March 10, 1985 with harvests of 2.5 million and .3 million pounds, respectively. Fishing effort is increasing in the Bering Sea area where 44 vessels took 3.1 million pounds of Tanner crab in one week ending March 10.

King crab harvest in the westward region stand at 12.8 million pounds. The Adak brown king crab fishery is the only area open with 5 vessels participating. Four of these vessels are catcher/processors and will soon be transferring to the Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery.

1984/85 Projected Tanner Harvest

<u>Area</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Harvest Millions/lbs</u>	
				<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Kodiak	Jan. 15	closed	<u>C. baridi</u>	8.5	11.5
Chignik	Jan. 15	3/10	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.4	0.3
South Peninsula	Jan. 15	3/10	<u>C. baridi</u>	2.0	2.5
Eastern Aleutians	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.2	.06
Western Aleutians	Nov. 10	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.3	.13
Bering Sea	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	3.0	.77
	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. opilio</u> *	<u>69.0</u>	<u>12.3</u>
TOTAL				83.4	27.7
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Lower Cook Inlet	Nov. 1	1/10**	<u>C. baridi</u>	2.8	2.9
P.W.S.	Jan. 1	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	negligible	-
Southeast	Feb. 10	3/28	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.75-2.5	.85
Yakutat	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.2 -2.0	-
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Total			<u>C. baridi</u>	18.2-21.7	19.15
			<u>C. opilio</u>	69.0	12.3
			Both Species	<u>87.2-90.7</u> (Million lbs.)	<u>31.45</u>

\* Based on 4.25 size limit, all areas.

\*\* Outer/Eastern District still open.

1984/85 King Crab Harvests

<u>Area</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Harvest</u>		<u>Effort</u>	<u>Other</u>
			<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Kodiak (K)	Red	Not Open	-0-	-0-		
	Brown	By permit	0.1	0.02		
South Penn (M)		Not Open	-0-	-0-		
Dutch Harbor (O)	Red	Not Open	-0-	-0-		
	Brown	By permit 7/1-Feb.10		1.75	7 vessels	\$1.75/lb
Adak (R)	Red	Nov. 10-Feb. 10	1.5-3.0	1.20		
	Brown	Nov. 10-Apr. 15	8.0	1.1	70 vessels	
Bering Sea (Q)						
Pribilof Dist:	Red		-0-	-0-		
	Blue	Oct. 1-16	0.5-1.0	0.3	16 vessels	\$2.50/lb
	Brown	By permit	0.5	-0-		
Northern Dist: (St. Matthews)	Red		-0-	-0-		
	Blue	Sept. 1-8	2.0-4.0	3.8	80 vessels	\$1.86/lb
	Brown					
Worton Sound	Red	Aug. 1-15	0.4	0.388	8 vessels	\$1.02/lb
Bristol Bay	Red	Oct. 1-16	2.5-6.0	4.182	88 vessels	\$2.50-
	Brown	By permit	0.0	-0-		3.00/lb
<u>Westward Subtotal:</u>				<u>12.74</u>		
P.W.S.	Red	Not Open	-0-	-0-		
	Blue		-0-	-0-		
	Brown	By permit		0.038	2 vessels	\$1.40/lb
Cook Inlet	Red	Not Open	-0-	-0-		
	Brown	By permit		.004		
Southeast	Red	Oct. 10-17		0.25	86 vessels	\$3.10/lb
	Blue					
	Brown	since Oct. 10-Nov.24 Feb.10-March 10		.600	\$2-2.50/lb	
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Total:	Red	6.02				
	Blue	4.1				
	Brown	3.512				
				13.632 million pounds		

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1985 ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH IN METRIC TONS

SPECIES	SOURCE	SOUTHEAST/ E. YAKUTAT	CENTRAL GULF	WESTERN GULF	BERING SEA	ALEUTIANS	INTERNAL WATERS	TOTAL
		Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
1. Pollock	1.Domestic		752					752
	2.JV		139820		2253			142073
	3.Foreign		2	8	17171	20313		37494
2. Sablefish	1.Domestic	1943	1	40	2		99	2085
	2.JV		1					1
	3.Foreign		T	8	6			14
3. Pacific Cod	1.Domestic	1	335	1401	2189		5	3931
	2.JV		764		5053			5817
	3.Foreign		1445	5501	10320	1		17266
4. Flounder	1.Domestic		T		4		34	38
	2.JV		34		584			618
	3.Foreign		2	17	15972			15990
5. P. O. Perch	1.Domestic				2			2
	2.JV							
	3.Foreign							
6. Rockfish	1.Domestic	54	T				5	59
	2.JV		11		T			12
	3.Foreign		T	1	7			8
7. Thornyheads	1.Domestic	1						1
	2.JV							
	3.Foreign							
8. Atka Mackrl	1.Domestic							
	2.JV		T					T
	3.Foreign							
9. Other	1.Domestic	6					T	6
	2.JV		1792		78			1870
	3.Foreign		21	56	484	2		562
ALL SPECIES	1.Domestic	2005	1088	1441	2196		142	6873
	2.JV		142422		7968			150390
	3.Foreign		1470	5590	43959	20315		71334

TOTAL 1985 ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH FROM ALL SOURCES

1. Pollock	TOTAL		140574	8	19424	20313		180319
2. Sablefish	TOTAL	1943	2	48	8		99	2100
3. Pacific Cod	TOTAL	1	2543	6902	17561	1	5	27013
4. Flounder	TOTAL		36	17	16560		34	16646
5. P. O. Perch	TOTAL				2			2
6. Rockfish	TOTAL	54	12	1	7		5	78
7. Thornyheads	TOTAL	1						1
8. Atka Mackrl	TOTAL		T					T
9. Other	TOTAL	6	1813	56	561	2	T	2438
ALL SPECIES	TOTAL	2005	144980	7031	54124	20315	142	228597

- Sources: Domestic Catch Data: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Fish Ticket Database, 22-Mar-1985.  
JV/Foreign Catch Data: Pacific Coast Fishery Information Network (PacFIN), 22-Mar-1985.
- T = Trace ( less than 0.5 tons).

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1984 ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH IN METRIC TONS

SPECIES	SOURCE	SOUTHEAST/ E. YAKUTAT	WEST YAKUTAT	CENTRAL GULF	WESTERN GULF	BERING SEA	ALEUTIANS	INTERNAL WATERS	TOTAL
		Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
1. Pollock	1.Domestic			330		7366	12		7708
	2.JV			199014	8006	229932	6735		443687
	3.Foreign			56791	42472	866261	71517		1037040
2. Sablefish	1.Domestic	2692	1642	2786	345	1367	3	1062	9897
	2.JV			216	275	69	270		830
	3.Foreign			358	754	1202	725		3038
3. Pacific Cod	1.Domestic	15	T	2608	54	35087	391	19	38173
	2.JV			4125	298	26274	6459		37156
	3.Foreign			5375	10842	57426	1276		74919
4. Flounder	1.Domestic	T		240	5	20	T	124	389
	2.JV			2696	556	49333	754		53339
	3.Foreign			2431	603	182689	3386		189109
5. P. O. Perch	1.Domestic	3			116	1279	2		1401
	2.JV								
	3.Foreign								
6. Rockfish	1.Domestic	567	14	53	1	38		161	834
	2.JV			376	1656	153	465		2651
	3.Foreign			2867	311	463	456		4097
7. Thornyheads	1.Domestic	9	2	1	9	9		4	33
	2.JV								
	3.Foreign								
8. Atka Mackrl	1.Domestic				31				31
	2.JV			7	577	16	35912		36512
	3.Foreign			58	478	41	71		647
9. Other	1.Domestic	57	T	2				39	99
	2.JV			1201	61	1126	1508		3895
	3.Foreign			366	337	10168	519		11390
ALL SPECIES	1.Domestic	3344	1658	6920	562	45165	408	1409	58566
	2.JV			207635	11429	306903	52103		578069
	3.Foreign			68246	35796	1118250	77950		1320241

TOTAL 1984 ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH FROM ALL SOURCES

1. Pollock	TOTAL			256134	50477	1103559	78265		1488435
2. Sablefish	TOTAL	2692	1642	3361	1374	2637	997	1062	13765
3. Pacific Cod	TOTAL	15	T	12109	11193	118786	8126	19	150248
4. Flounder	TOTAL	T		5367	1165	232041	4140	124	242838
5. P. O. Perch	TOTAL	3			116	1279	2		1401
6. Rockfish	TOTAL	567	14	3296	1968	654	921	161	7582
7. Thornyheads	TOTAL	9	2	1	9	9		4	33
8. Atka Mackrl	TOTAL			65	1087	57	35982		37191
9. Other	TOTAL	57	T	1569	397	11294	2027	39	15384
ALL SPECIES	TOTAL	3344	1658	281901	67787	1470318	130461	1409	1956877

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