

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



NEWS RELEASE

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME



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1985 ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY

Total catch of all groundfish species by domestic, foreign and joint venture fisheries totals 508,013 metric tons. Of this total 37,688 tons have already been harvested in domestic fisheries, well above last year's domestic catch at this time.

GULF OF ALASKA SABLEFISH

The West Yakutat area was closed to sablefish fishing at noon on Wednesday, May 15 as catch projections showed that the 1,640 metric ton OY would be achieved at that time. Final catch totals for the West Yakutat area not yet available. Sablefish landings from the Central Gulf area through May 10 total 1,983 metric tons. A closure has been announced for the Central Gulf area for noon on Thursday May 23 as the 3,060 metric ton OY for the Central Gulf should be achieved by that time. A total of 56 longline, pot and trawl vessels have participated in the fishery. Longline vessels have accounted for 47% of the harvest with pot vessels harvesting 40% and trawl vessels harvesting 13% of the catch. Catch from the Western Gulf totals only 202 metric tons to date so that a considerable amount of the 1,670 metric ton OY is still unharvested.

CENTRAL SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SHELF DEMERSAL ROCKFISH

Catch from the shelf demersal rockfish complex in the Central Southeast Outside area totals 139 metric tons through May 15. A total of 63 different vessels have landed catch from the shelf demersal complex in this area. The guideline harvest level for 1985 for the area is 600 metric tons.

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	2.JV	.	.	218460	1000	108618	775	.	328853
	3.Foreign	.	.	2	12	28914	20513	.	49442
2. Sablefish	1.Domestic	2570	1303	1983	202	2	.	.	6060
	2.JV	.	.	3	.	11	3	.	16
	3.Foreign	.	.	0	9	10	.	.	19
3. Pacific Cod	1.Domestic	4	0	647	6320	22407	.	6	29384
	2.JV	.	.	934	7	14222	494	.	15655
	3.Foreign	.	.	1727	7071	12529	1	.	21327
4. Flounder	1.Domestic	.	0	2	17	6	.	34	59
	2.JV	.	.	71	2	17305	60	.	17437
	3.Foreign	.	.	2	19	27541	5	.	27568
5. P. O. Perch	1.Domestic	6	.	2	.	118	.	.	126
6. Rockfish	1.Domestic	171	3	2	.	1	.	6	183
	2.JV	.	.	1	.	1	0	.	2
	3.Foreign	.	.	0	1	5	.	.	6
7. Thornyheads	1.Domestic	6	1	1	.	.	.	0	8
8. Atka Mackerel	2.JV	.	.	0	.	1	5900	.	5901
9. Other	1.Domestic	13	.	2	.	.	.	0	15
	2.JV	.	.	1908	1	559	657	.	3125
	3.Foreign	.	.	26	64	903	1	.	994
ALL SPECIES	1.Domestic	2771	1306	4122	6628	22796	.	46	37668
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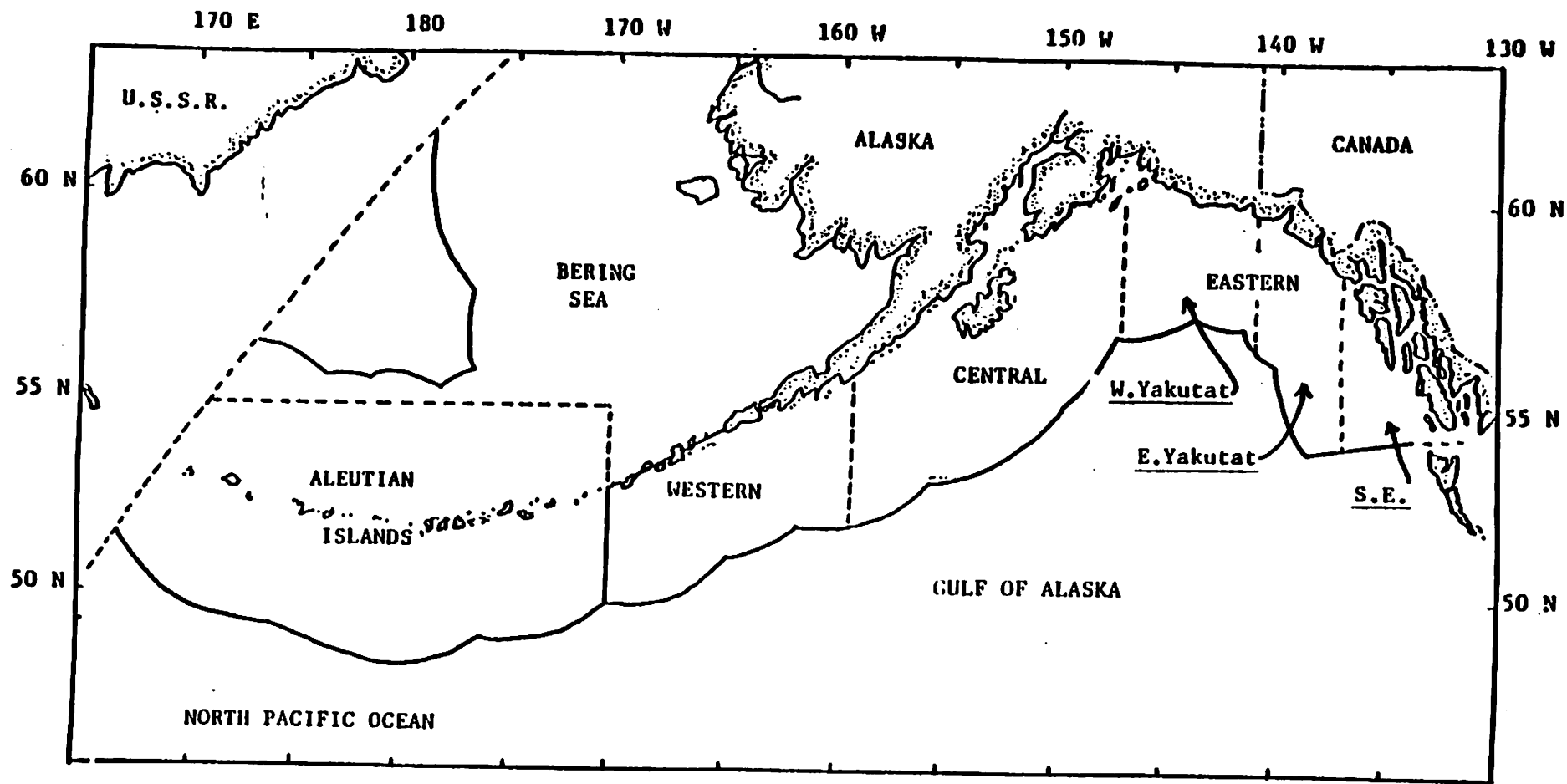
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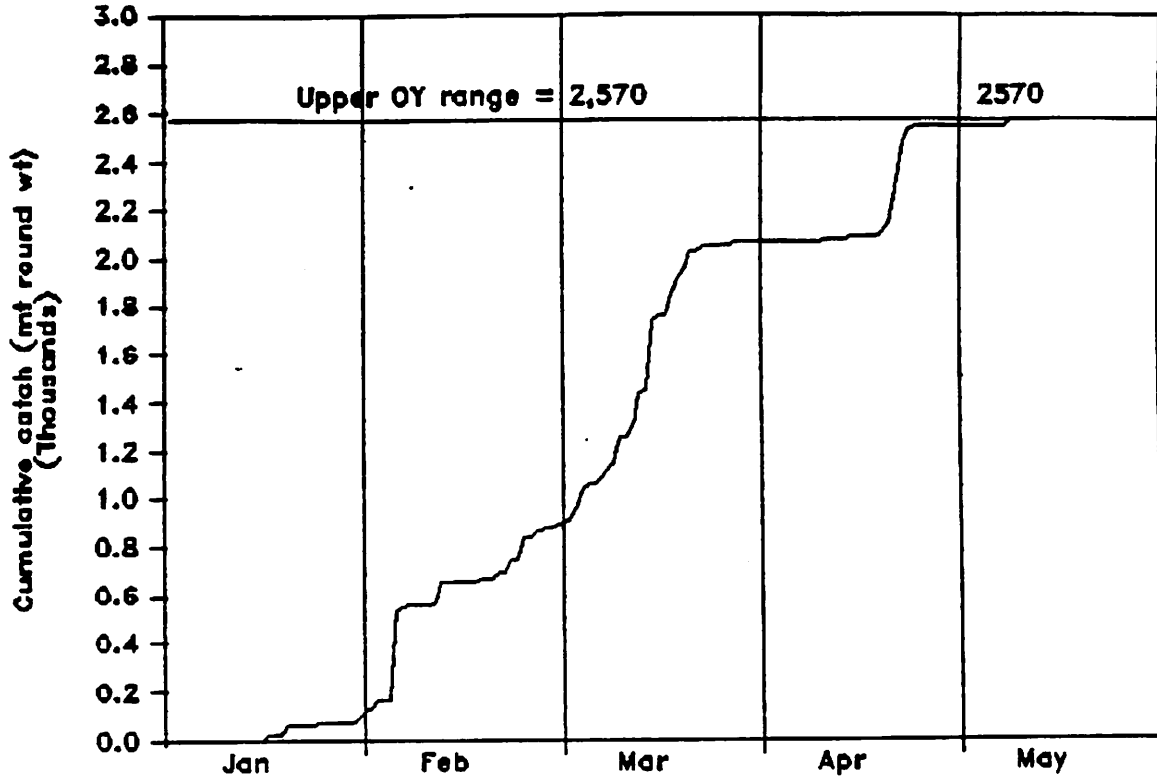
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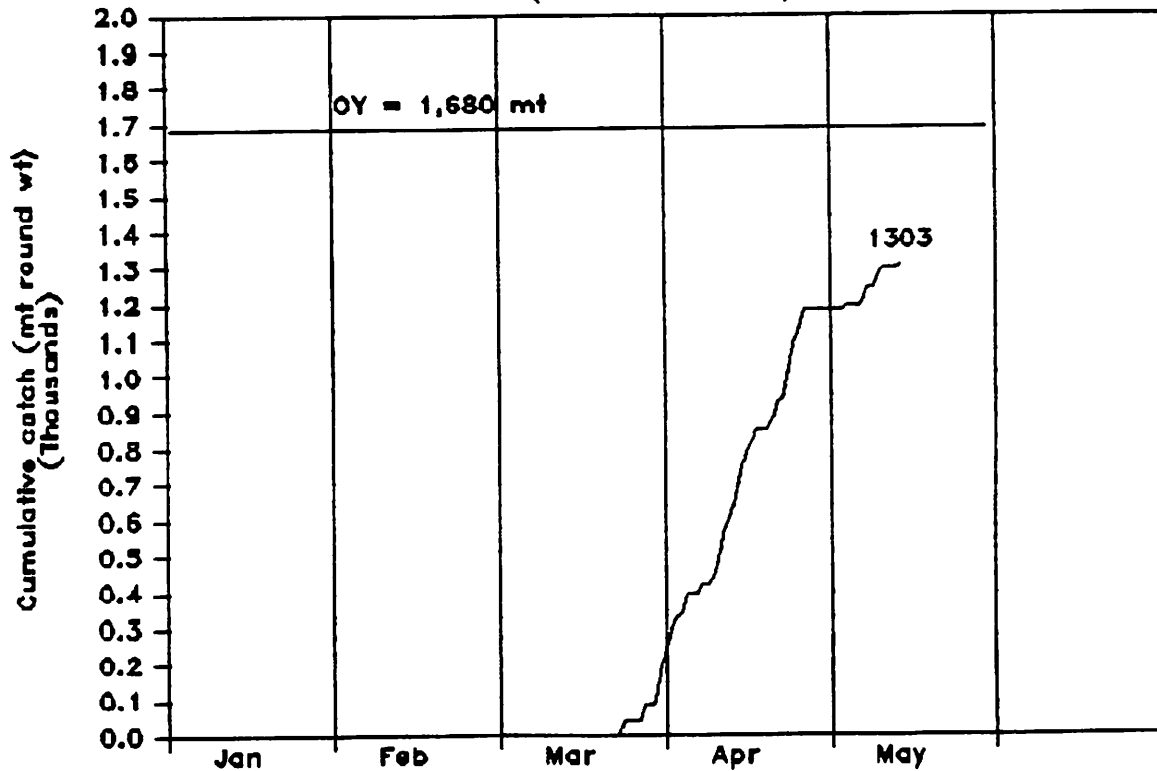
1985 Sablefish Fishery

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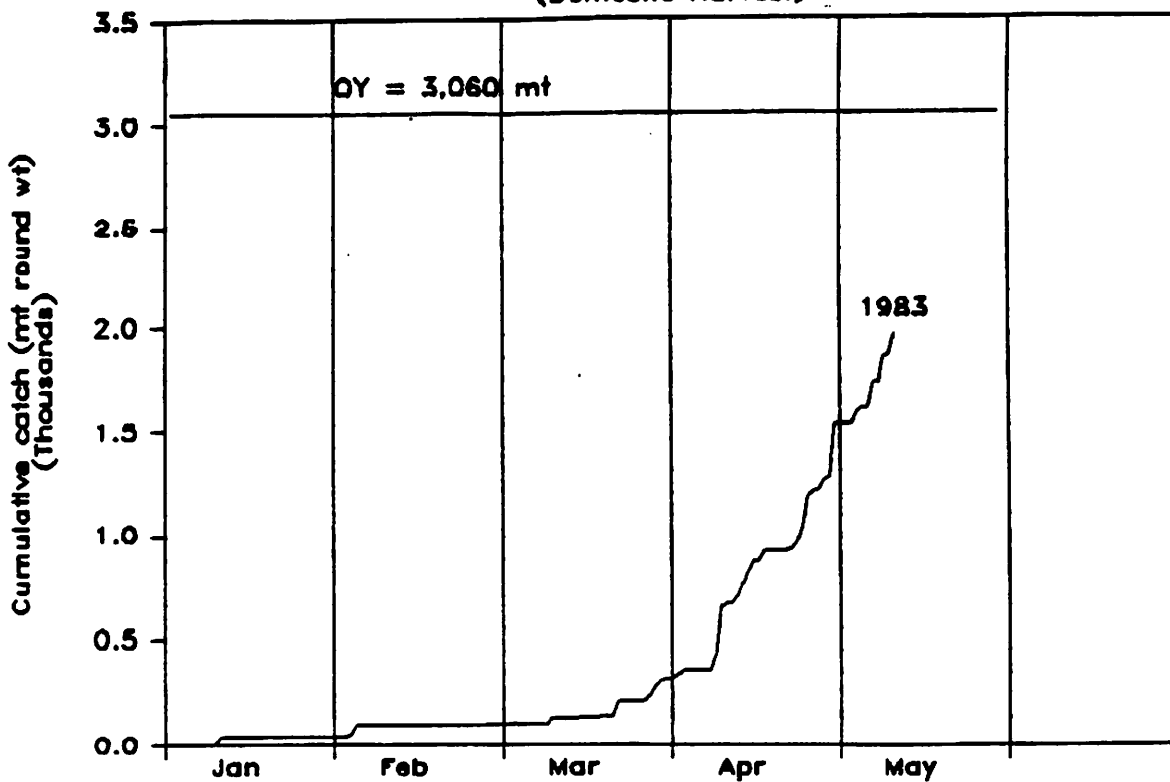


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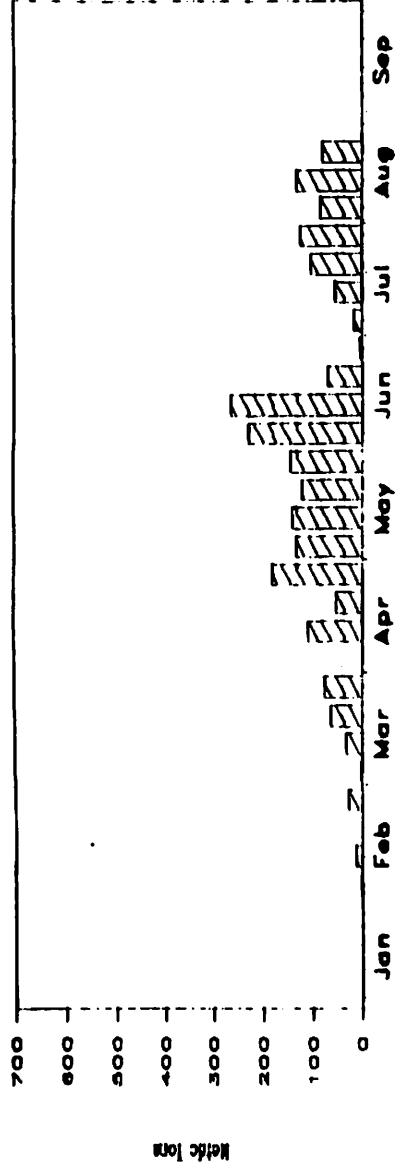


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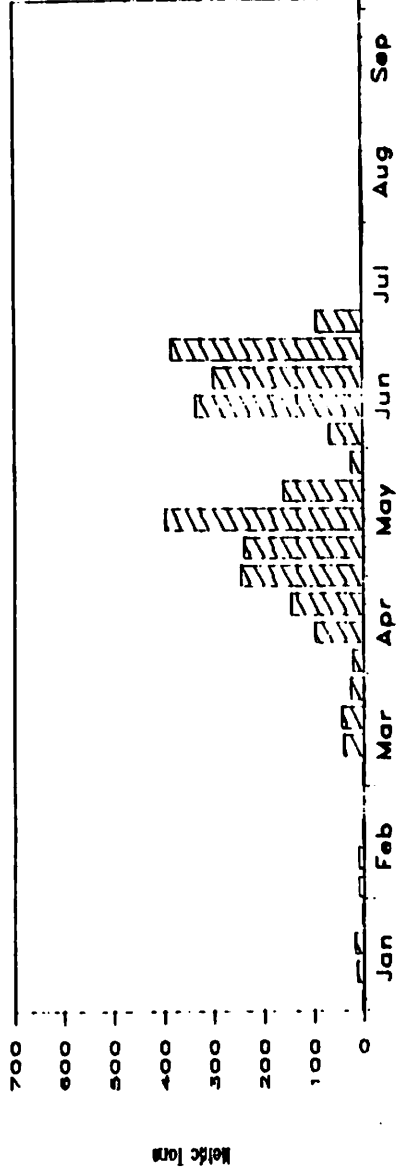


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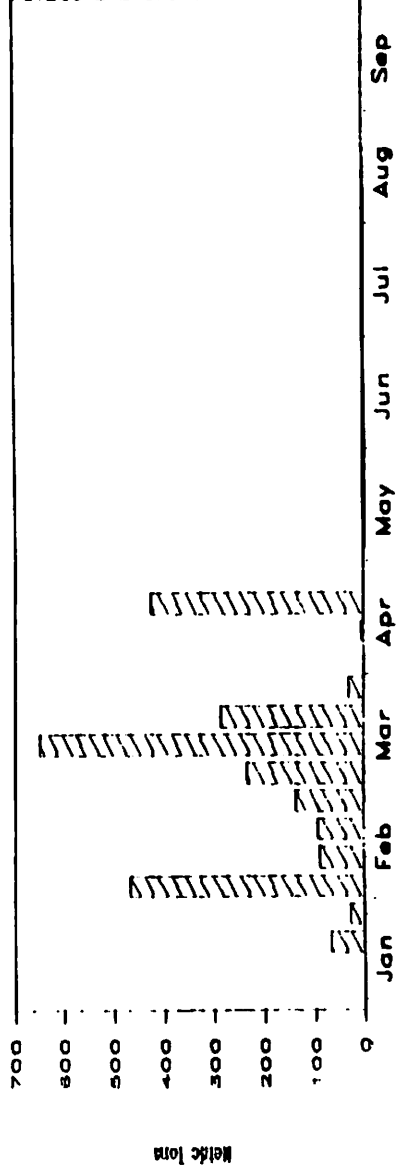
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Troll Salmon:

Winter troll catches of chinook salmon for the October 1984 to April 14, 1985, winter season totaled 22,437 chinook, weighing 296,575 pounds. Total number of landings was 2,158. This compares to the 1983/84 winter troll season catches of 32,645 chinook weighing 457,431 pounds, for 3,272 landings.

Sablefish:

The Southeast/East Yakutat management area was reopened to sablefish fishing from April 16 to April 21. After this opening the total catch to date from the Southeast/East Yakutat area is now 2,513 metric tons. One hundred sixteen vessels participated in the fishery in this area in 1985, compared to one hundred thirty-three in 1984. Since the total catch is within 2% of the upper end of the optimum yield (OY) range of 2,570 metric tons and small amounts of catch from the recent opening may still be outstanding, further openings of this area are not anticipated.

Sablefish fishing effort shifted rapidly to the West Yakutat area requiring managers to close the season May 15. The Central area quickly followed suit with announced closures for May 23. Final catch statistics for these two areas will be available the end of May. Harvest to date in the Western areas is 202 metric tons. We anticipate that the OY of 1,670 metric tons for the Western area will be harvested by mid-June.

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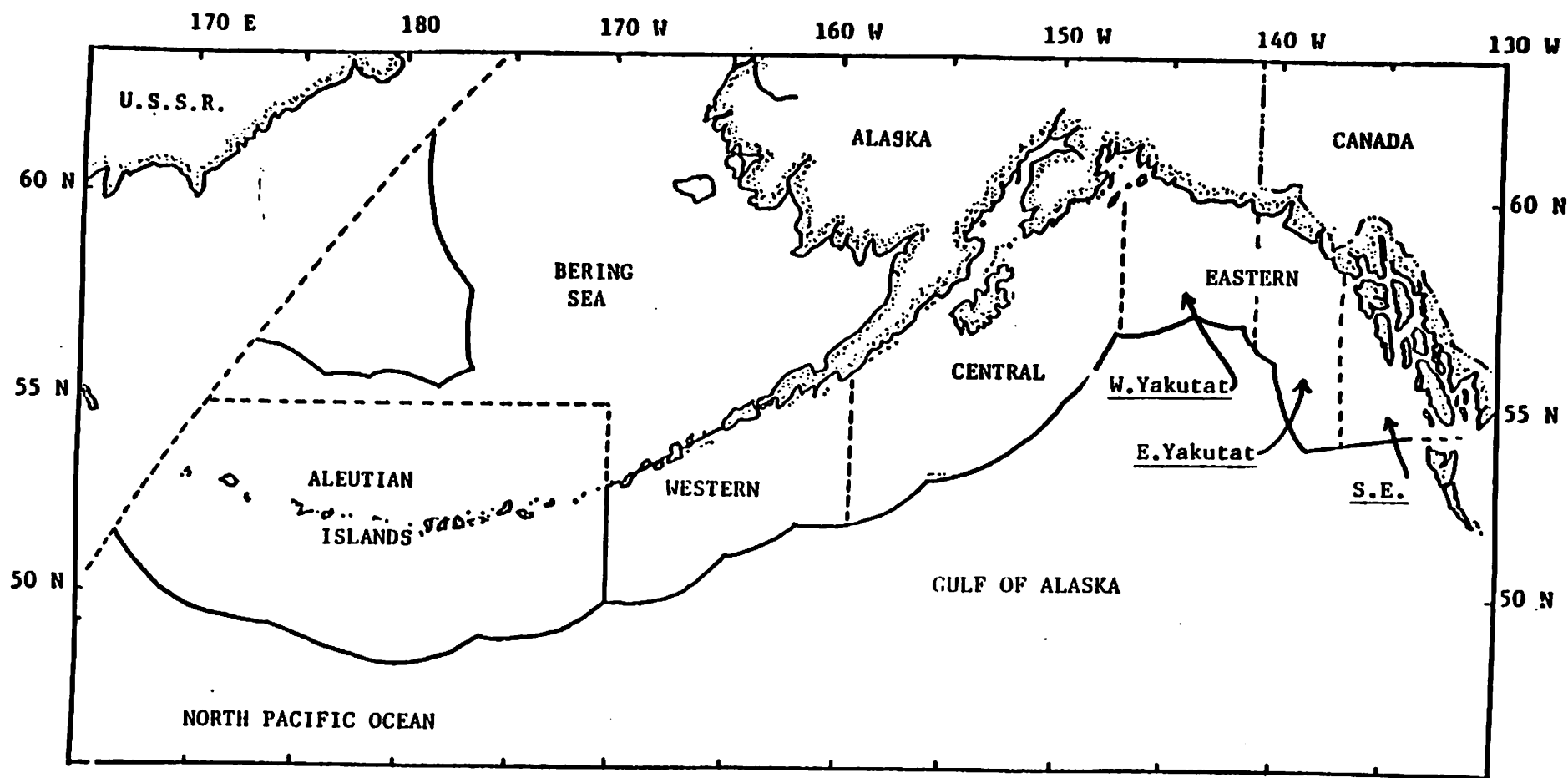
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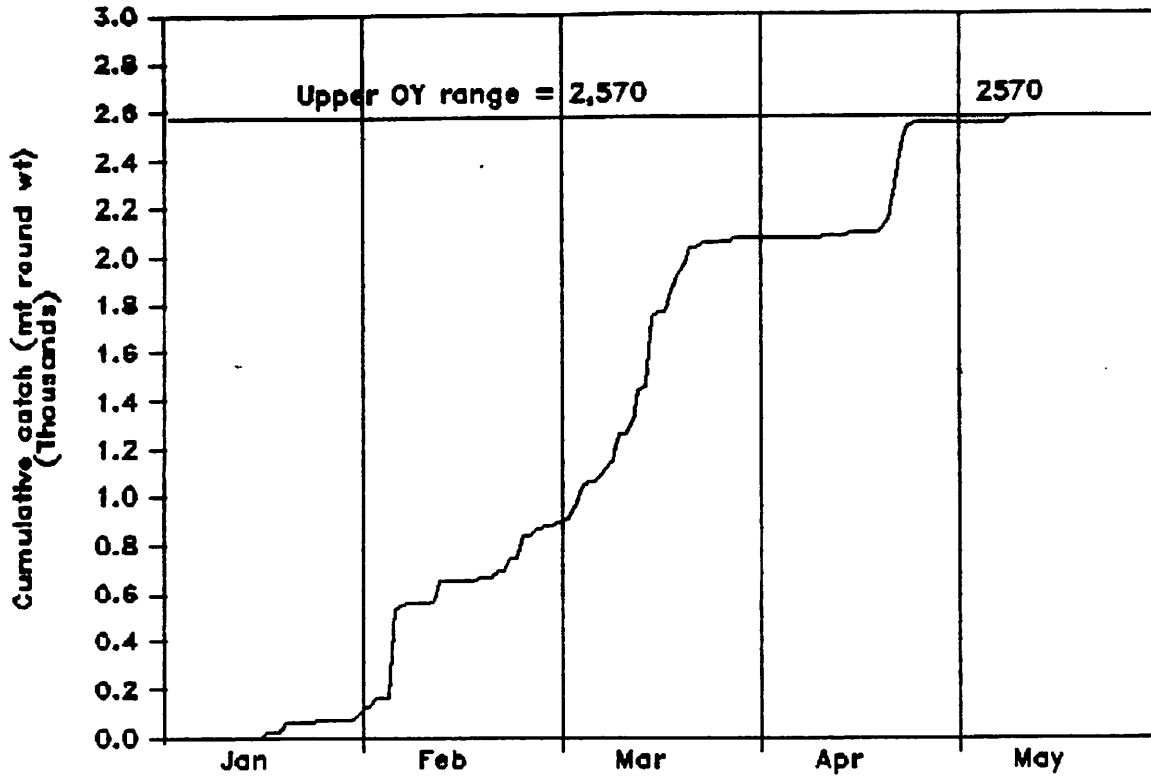
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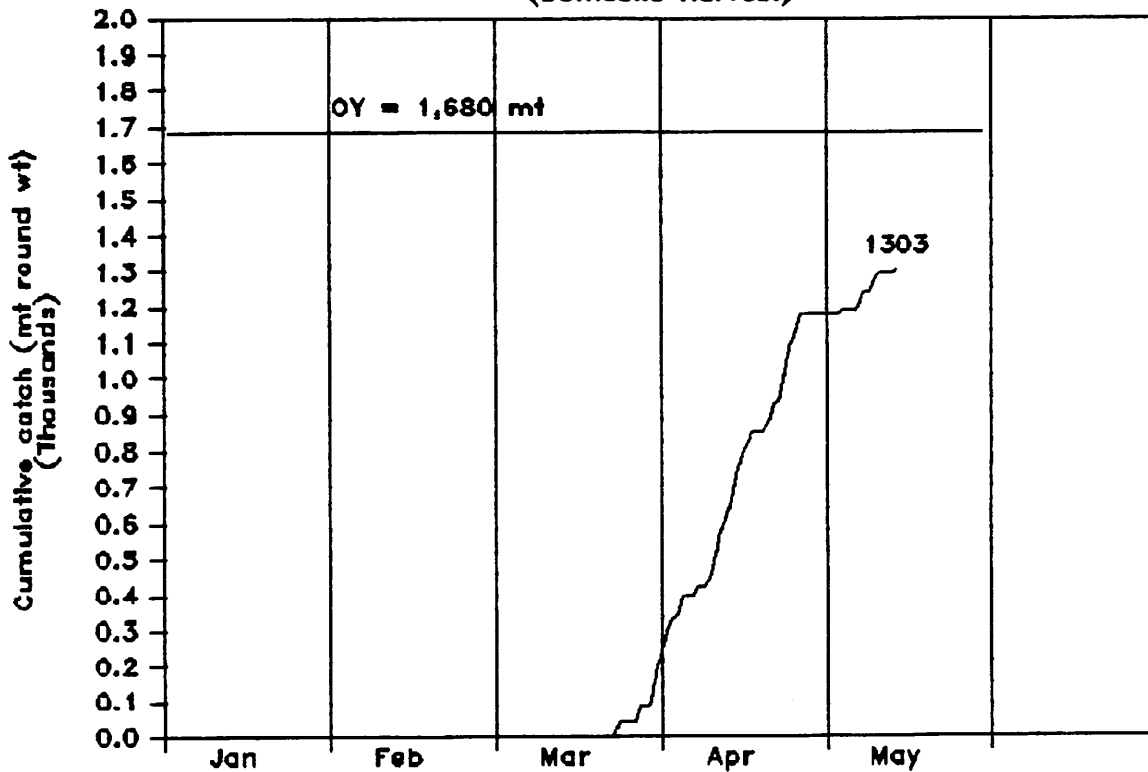
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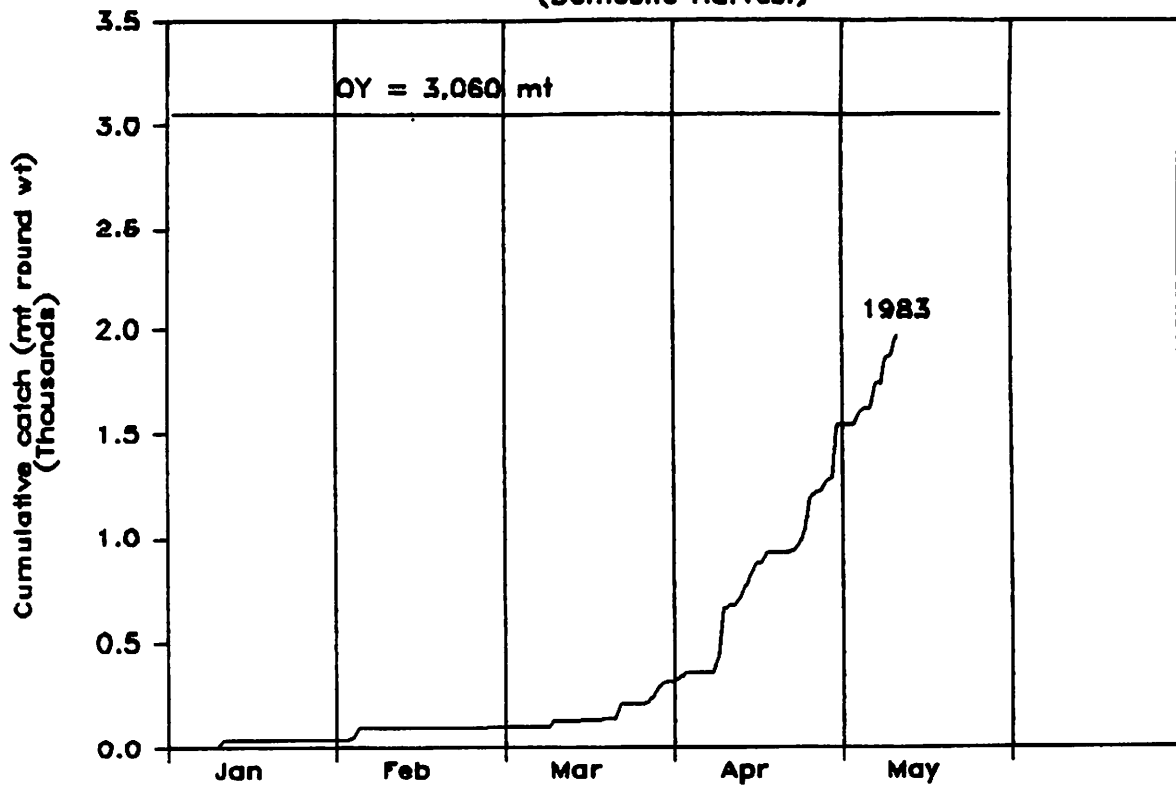


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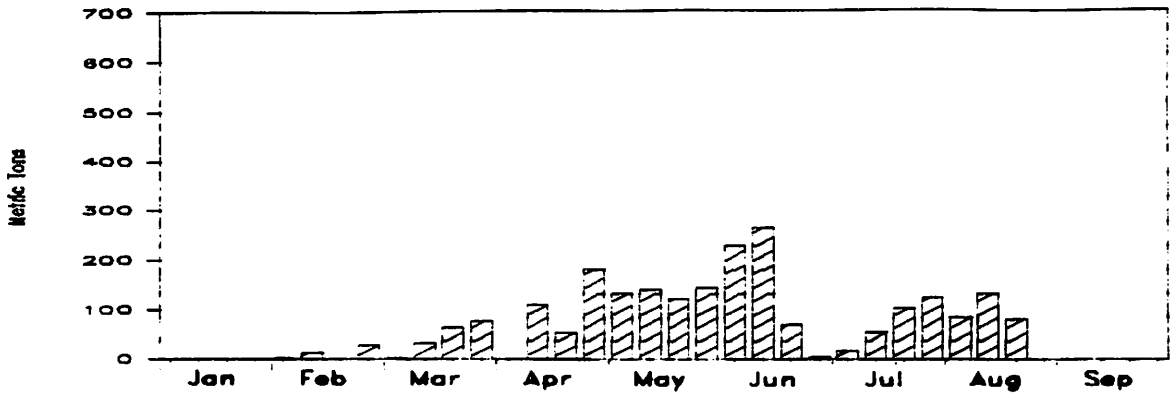


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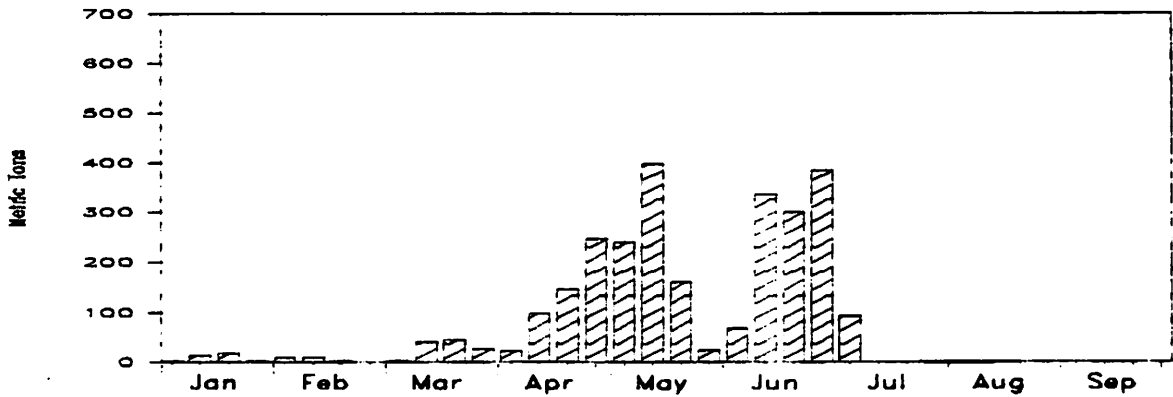


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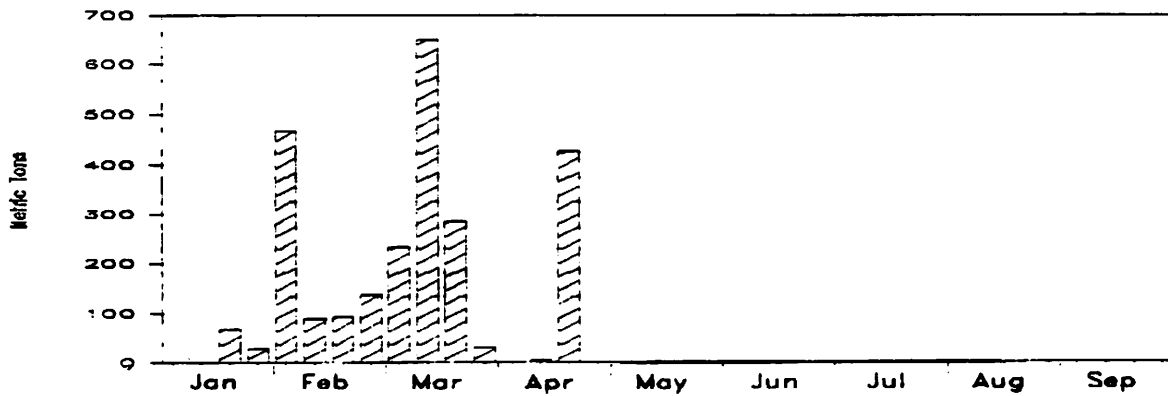
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1984/85 King Crab Harvests

<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	1.28		
	Brown	Nov. 10-Apr. 15	8.0	1.84		
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					
Norton 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>13.56</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	6.1				
	Blue	4.1				
	Brown	4.252				
				14.45 million pounds		

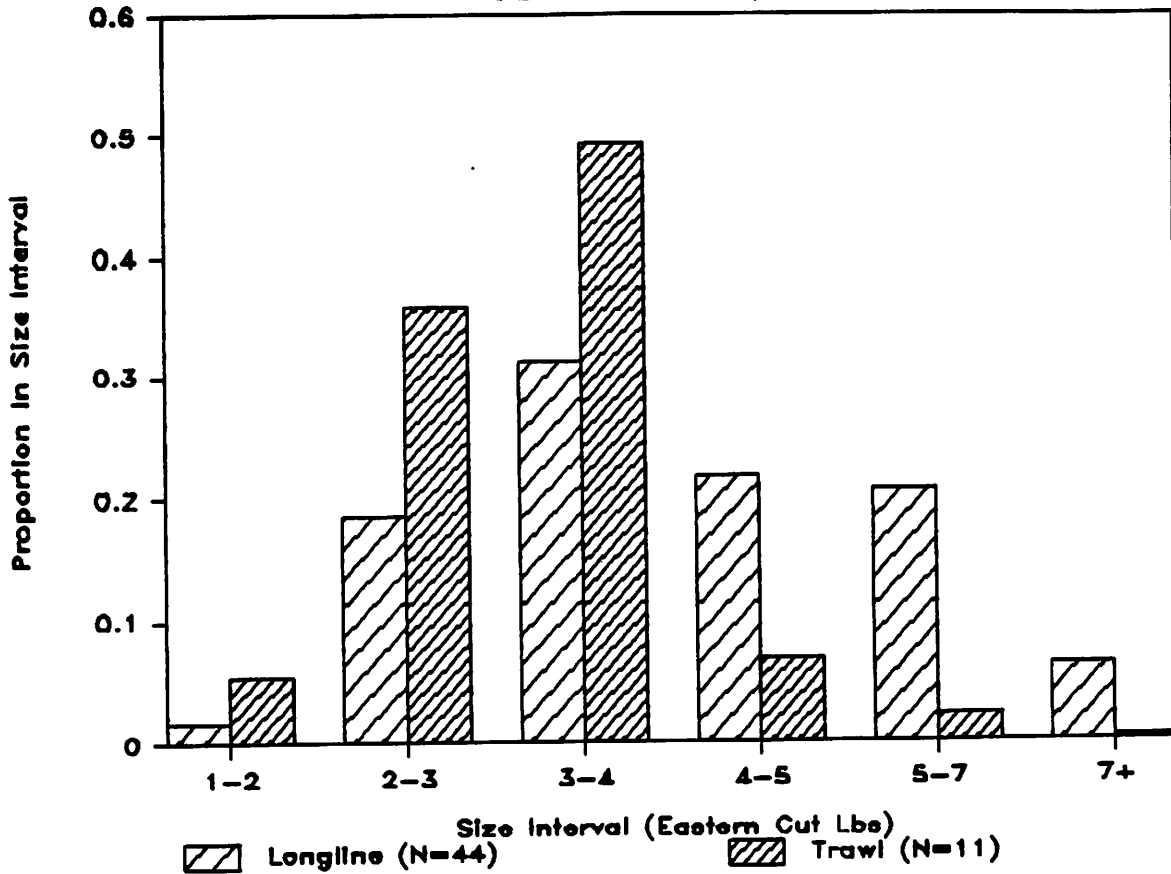
1984/85 Projected Tanner Harvest

<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	12.0
Chignik	Jan. 15	3/10	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.4	0.4
South Peninsula	Jan. 15	3/10	<u>C. baridi</u>	2.0	2.6
Eastern Aleutians	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.2	0.11
Western Aleutians	Nov. 10	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.3	0.16
Bering Sea	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. baridi</u>	3.0	2.3
	Jan. 15	Open	<u>C. opilio</u> *	<u>69.0</u>	<u>39.0</u>
TOTAL				83.4	56.57
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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	1.0
Yakutat	Jan. 15	5/01	<u>C. baridi</u>	0.2 -2.0	-
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Total			<u>C. baridi</u>	18.2-21.7	21.47
			<u>C. opilio</u>	69.0	39.0
			Both Species	87.2-90.7 (Million lbs.)	60.47

* Based on 4.25 size limit, all areas.

1985 Central Gulf Sablefish Fishery

Size Distribution by Gear



Proportion in Size Interval by Gear

	Size Interval (Eastern Cut Lbs)						(1-7)
	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-7	7+	
Longline (N=44)	0.016	0.184	0.311	0.218	0.208	0.063	1.000
Trawl (N=11)	0.054	0.358	0.494	0.068	0.022	0.004	1.000