

10. BLACK COD (SABLE FISH)

Japanese catch (estimated)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
MT Dressed	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	n.a.

Imports * (MT dressed)

	<u>estimate</u>				
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Canada	2,500	2,600	2,756	3,162	3,285
U.S.A.	10,000	18,000	25,083	27,186	26,041
Total	12,500	20,600	27,869	30,558	29,354

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg) frozen Alaska/Canada

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Mar 90</u>
7 lb & up	880-920	860-880	930-950	930-950
5-7 lbs	880-920	860-880	930-950	930-950
4-5 lbs	810-830	780-800	840-860	840-860
3-4 lbs	760-780	700-720	790-810	790-910

* Beginning January 1, 1987 Black cod is a separate category in the import statistics.

Market Situation and Outlook

- Wholesale prices have strengthened from year ago levels.
- Imports from Canada have continued to increase gradually. Value of this business is approximately \$20 million on CIF basis.