

13. REDFISH

Japanese catch (MT-dressed wt, estimates)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Pacific Rockfish	15,000	12,000	10,000	8,000	n.a.
Atlantic Redfish	8,850	5,800	13,000	9,500	n.a.
Canada	1,000	2,400	2,500	4,000	n.a.
Greenland	250	1,000	9,000	3,500	n.a.
Other	7,600	1,800	1,500	2,000	n.a.

Imports * (MT dressed wt)

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
				<u>Jan-Aug</u>	
Canada	2,766	3,018	3,089	2,433	1,485
Iceland	2,433	10,436	8,117	4,412	4,882
Norway	767	3,624	3,388	3,006	8,708
Portugal	11,935	10,242	8,849	5,001	1,258
W/Germany	-	-	264	23	411
E/Germany	357	3,265	1,555	1,065	0
Bulgaria	2,245	2,469	1,563	1,108	573
USSR	2,881	11,490	5,082	3,469	1,263
USA	6,074	10,983	15,247	11,707	12,182
Cuba	18	871	2,170	718	0
Other	4,464	2,531	2,122	1,713	2,955
Total	33,940	58,929	51,446	34,655	33,717

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Oct 90</u>
500g & up	450-460	480-500	600-700	600-700
300-500g	320-330	340-350	420-450	420-450
200-300	200-310	300-320	360-380	360-380

* Beginning January 1, 1987 redfish is separate category in import statistics.

Market Situation and Outlook

- Canadian exports of redfish to Japan have decreased in 1990 due to poor landings.
- Prices have risen, although higher than expected Pacific landings will reduce the upward pressure on prices.
- Large sized redfish remain in short supply.